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A new start

Youth camp will take different direction, new owners say

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

ROGERSON – The sometimes-controversial Magic Hot Springs youth camp has switched its focus from incarceration to redemption and reformation, according to the head of the company now running the camp.

"Anasazi's not a boot camp," said Michael Merchant, chief executive officer of the Mesa, Ariz.,-based Anasazi Foundation, which bought the camp in July.

'Anasazi's not a boot camp.'
– Michael Merchant, Anasazi Foundation

The new owners have scaled back security at Magic Hot Springs, which was troubled by more than a dozen escapes in the 3 1/2 years in which it handled teen-agers for the state's Department of Juvenile Corrections. The fences and razor wire have been removed.

But even with the scaled-back security, and survival-skills training that teaches boys how to build a fire without matches and how to make their own backpacks, the new owners are downplaying the threat of problems.

"We really want to build the school to be a place that people don't want to leave," Merchant said.

Anasazi also plans to vigorously screen boys – both before and

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New workers welcome

States look to fill jobs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Across the Midwest and into the mid-Atlantic, states are trying to plug holes in their labor pools.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack is pursuing an aggressive campaign to recruit new immigrants to fill jobs left vacant, in part, by retirees. Ohio and Pennsylvania are among the states trying to combat the "brain drain," the departure of highly educated students for more attractive jobs in other states.

In an economy with low unemployment, workers are hot commodities.

"We need more workers. We need all levels of jobs, and levels of people within those jobs," said Harold Bowman, a project coordinator for Vilsack's Iowa 2010 plan, which seeks an additional 310,000 workers by the end of the decade.

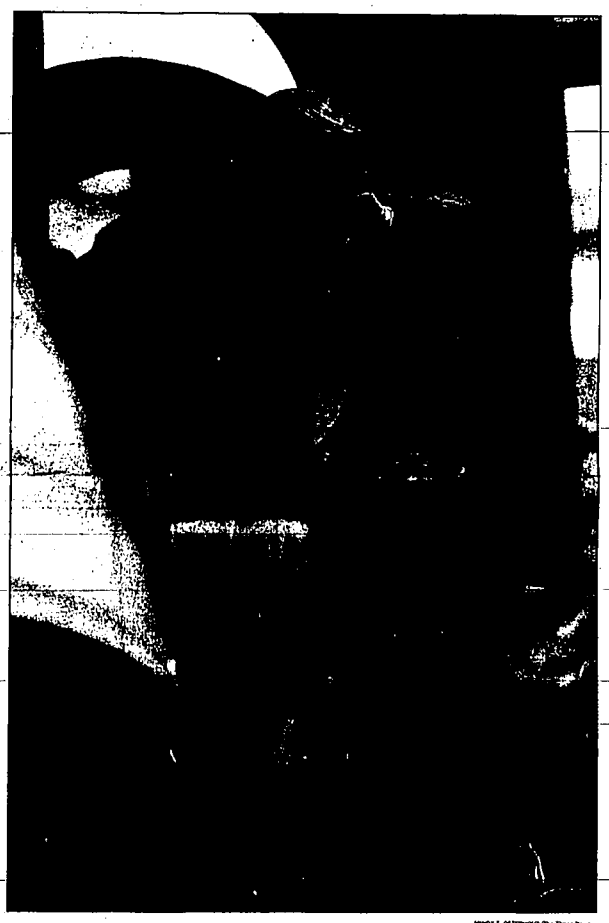
New workers are especially welcome across America's heartland and into Pennsylvania, where growth forecasts of the working age population – people ages 16 to 64 – are lower than fast-growing states in the West.

Among the findings of a report that reviewed the latest Census Bureau population estimates from 1999 and projections for 2015:

- West Virginia (1 percent) and Michigan (less than 1 percent) are the only two states where the working age population is estimated to drop.
- Iowa's working age population is forecast to rise by 3 percent.
- Western states are projected as having the greatest gains, led by New Mexico (29 percent) and Hawaii (27 percent). Arizona, Nevada and California also are expected to show increases of 20 percent or more.

This growth comes from increased immigration and shifts of people who leave one state for another, said John Haaga, an analyst at the Population Reference Bureau, the nonprofit research group studying population trends.

READY FOR WEATHER



MINDY F. OSTERHOUT/The Times-News

Four-year-old Caleb Wallis fusses with his coat at the Buhl City Park Saturday afternoon.

Same schedule

Districts continue work toward goal of common calendar

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – S'il vous plait. French class now is available for more students thanks to course-sharing between three high schools.

Filer, Castleford and Buhl high schools also telecommute classes in speech, health occupations, advanced chemistry, calculus and consumer math, and next semester agribusiness.

The three schools are able to share classes and offer more of a course selection for students because they have coordinated their daily school schedules.

"For the most part, they are exactly the same, even down to the bells," said John Huitt, vice principal of Filer High School.

Filer and Castleford began sharing classes last year, and Buhl joined in this year.

Other school districts are working toward similar coordination of school schedules, working off a common calendar this school year adopted by districts that has most districts heading into winter break this week. School districts, except for Blaine County that already was locked into a school-year calendar, adopted similar calendars that align school start dates and major vacations. The College of Southern Idaho also rearranged its schedule, pushing back the start of second semester by one week and holding spring break one week later than usual.

School districts are beginning to share more resources, particularly through the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition. ARTEC is a school and business partnership offering college-level technical courses to high school juniors and seniors. And in step with a national trend, college-level classes are becoming more available to high school students.

Twenty-six high schools are in the region, and coordinating school-year calendars has been a big enough challenge for their districts. Districts still operate on their own in-service dates, and their vacation and start dates still differ by a couple of days. Matching up daily class schedules is even a greater challenge as schools operate on a variety of models such as trimesters, semesters, four-period days, six-period days, or seven-period days.

Jerome County School District Superintendent Jim Cobble, local president of the Idaho School Superintendents Association, said districts that have similar schedules are working on common daily schedules and course sharing.

Regional work on the common calendar likely will start at the beginning of 2001, he said. As a

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GOP leaders urge piecemeal approach to Bush tax cut plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Republican leaders in Congress are advising President-elect Bush to start with some attainable tax changes like repealing inheritance taxes and ending the so-called "marriage penalty" paid by two-earner couples.



Andrew Card

Many GOP leaders say it would be a mistake for Bush to immediately attempt to ram through his entire 10-year, $1.3 trillion tax cut given the 50-50 party split in the incoming Senate and the difficulty under any circumstances of maneuvering tax bills through Congress.

Bush's chief of staff, Andrew Card, said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday" that the president-elect's ultimate goal of across-the-board tax relief remains unchanged but conceded "we may have to do it in separate steps."

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Another presidential election

On Monday, electors will meet in their own states to cast their votes for president and vice president. Here are the remaining dates in the electoral calendar.

December 2000

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Dec. 18: Electors meet in their respective states, usually in the state capital. Electors vote by ballot for president and vice president. Electors are not bound to the popular vote results, but in some states, "faithless electors" may be fined or disqualified.

Dec. 27: The president of the Senate, who is the U.S. vice president, the archivist of the United States and other officials receive the electoral votes by this deadline.

January 2001

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Jan. 5: Electoral votes are tallied at a joint session of Congress held in the House of Representatives, usually on Jan. 6 but this year tentatively planned for Jan. 5. The president of the Senate is in charge.

Jan. 20: Inauguration Day.

Sources: Compiled from AP wire reports; National Archives and Records Administration — AP

Electors will cast decisive votes today

The Associated Press

Some are bitter, while others try their best not to be gleeful. But for many of the 538 members of the Electoral College preparing to cast the final votes for president today, the overwhelming feeling is one of solemn purpose.

Bush keeps building – A12

"It's a once in a lifetime event," said LaVelle McCoy, a George W. Bush elector from Flagstaff, Ariz.

McCoy will join seven other electors in the executive tower of the state Capitol in Phoenix, where they will all take the oath of office and then sign ballots for president and vice president.

Similar meetings will take place in every state capital and the District of Columbia, except Alaska, where they meet at an Anchorage library.

In Arizona, as in most states, the vote is public. In others – like Minnesota, New York, Indiana and Washington state – it is conducted by secret ballot, though the results are made public.

New York's ballots are slipped into a 16-pound mahogany box with a brass latch, from which they're later removed and read out loud. In Connecticut, they're placed in a box made of wood from Charter Oak, the tree where the state's charter was hidden during colonial times.

Afterward, the results are sent to a number of state and

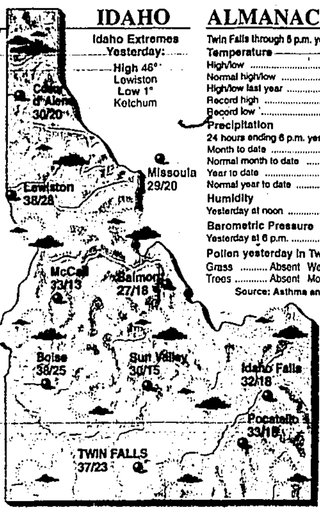
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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:
High 46° Lewiston
Low 1° Ketchum



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High/low	42°/28°
Normal high/low	36°/19°
High/low last year	48°/33°
Record high	53° in 1982
Record low	-4° in 1985

Precipitation

24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	trace
Normal month to date	0.67"
Year to date	7.47"
Normal year to date	10.04"

Humidity

Yesterday at noon 71%

Barometric Pressure

Yesterday at 6 p.m. ..... 30.39 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Grass ..... Absent Weeds ..... Absent
Trees ..... Absent Mold ..... Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sunshine and occasional clouds.	Partly to mostly cloudy; snow showers late.	Rather cloudy; rain or snow showers.	Some fog early; otherwise, partly sunny.	Sunshine followed by clouds.	Cloudy; chance for rain or snow.
▲ 37°	▼ 23°	▲ 35° ▼ 18°	▲ 32° ▼ 14°	▲ 32° ▼ 16°	▲ 32° ▼ 18°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Patchy fog early today; otherwise, sunshine and a few clouds. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Rather cloudy tomorrow with the chance of rain or snow showers.

Boise: Sunshine much of the time today. High 38. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Low 25. Cloudy tomorrow with the chance of snow or rain showers.

Northern Nevada: A good deal of sunshine today. A few clouds will move through the extreme north tonight. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow with the chance of a rain or snow shower.

Northern Utah: A good deal of sunshine today with a seasonable afternoon. Clear early tonight; some clouds later. Variable cloudiness tomorrow with the chance of a rain or snow shower.

Northern Idaho: Morning fog in spots; otherwise, sunshine and some cloudiness today. Cloudy tonight. Chance of some snow later tonight and early tomorrow. Clouds will linger tomorrow afternoon.

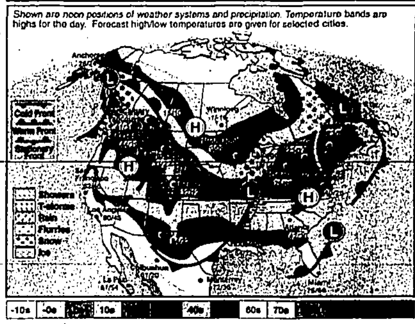
NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 85° in Miami, FL Low -17° in Park Rapids, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

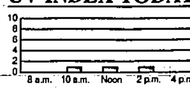


SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	8:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:06 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:42 a.m.
Moonset tonight	1:29 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Dec 25	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16

UV INDEX TODAY



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tue. Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	15	10	pc	23	1	sf
Cranbrook	18	10	c	16	2	sn
Edmonton	13	12	sf	20	1	pc
Kelowna	30	23	c	30	16	c
Lethbridge	30	18	pc	25	5	sn
Regina	-3	-3	pc	18	-1	sn
Saskatoon	5	4	pc	15	-2	sn
Toronto	25	17	c	23	11	sn
Vancouver	41	31	r	39	27	c
Victoria	43	32	r	41	29	c
Winnipeg	1	-16	sf	3	-1	sn

WORLD CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tue. Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	91	73	s	91	68	sh
Athens	55	44	c	51	39	c
Auckland	70	58	pc	67	60	c
Bangkok	94	72	s	92	74	pc
Beijing	48	20	s	35	27	sn
Berlin	37	28	sf	39	31	pc
Buenos Aires	90	68	pc	82	64	pc
Cairo	71	50	s	67	47	pc
Hong Kong	78	64	pc	79	65	pc
Jerusalem	60	40	s	53	42	pc
Johannesburg	91	63	s	93	65	s
London	46	43	c	51	46	r
Mexico City	73	41	s	61	34	pc
Moscow	21	15	sn	18	12	sn
Paris	45	41	c	48	42	sh
Rio de Janeiro	77	68	sh	72	64	pc
Rome	54	41	c	62	43	s
Seoul	48	38	sh	42	32	pc
Sydney	84	69	pc	83	72	pc
Tokyo	57	56	pc	65	42	pc
Warsaw	32	27	sf	31	23	c
Zurich	36	34	c	42	38	c

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tue. Hi	Lo	W
Boise	38	25	pc	36	19	c
Bonners Ferry	29	21	pc	35	16	c
Burley	37	21	s	39	23	c
Coeur d'Alene	30	20	pc	35	15	sn
Elko	36	10	s	40	11	pc
Eugene, OR	44	36	pc	46	32	c
Hagerman	37	22	s	39	15	c
Idaho Falls	32	18	s	34	18	c
Kalispell, MT	29	17	pc	35	16	sf
Lewiston	38	28	pc	40	28	c
Malad	34	19	s	37	13	c
Malta	25	13	pc	29	8	sn
McCall	33	13	pc	35	12	c
Missoula, MT	29	20	pc	32	16	c
Pocatello	33	18	s	36	20	c
Portland, OR	45	36	c	47	34	c
Richland, WA	37	29	pc	38	24	c
Salmon	27	18	pc	30	15	c
Salt Lake City, UT	38	18	s	40	17	pc
Seattle, WA	44	39	sh	46	37	c
Spokane, WA	30	22	pc	36	18	c
Stanley	22	7	pc	28	-1	c
Sun Valley	30	15	pc	29	15	c
Yellowstone, MT	18	5	s	23	11	sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tue. Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	42	30	s	40	17	c
Atlantic City	43	27	s	45	25	c
Baltimore	41	28	s	40	25	c
Billings	33	22	pc	33	15	c
Birmingham	48	28	pc	34	17	pc
Boston	44	29	s	44	30	pc
Charleston, SC	49	38	s	58	25	pc
Charleston, WV	35	32	pc	34	17	sf
Chicago	18	12	sn	18	12	sf
Cleveland	26	22	c	28	14	sn
Denver	32	12	s	49	18	pc
Des Moines	11	6	sn	14	13	pc
Detroit	26	18	c	23	14	sn
El Paso	54	22	s	54	31	s
Fairbanks	1	-8	c	17	11	c
Fargo	3	-11	c	4	-1	sn
Honolulu	78	65	s	79	66	pc
Houston	64	32	pc	58	29	s
Indianapolis	25	17	c	23	14	sn
Jacksonville	59	37	s	62	24	pc
Kansas City	26	7	sn	25	16	s
Las Vegas	58	28	s	56	36	s
Little Rock	51	27	c	38	23	s
Los Angeles	80	45	s	77	47	s
Memphis	42	26	pc	29	21	pc
Miami	76	66	pc	72	60	pc
Milwaukee	17	12	sn	17	14	sf
Nashville	42	28	pc	30	17	sf
New Orleans	58	34	pc	44	25	s
New York	40	30	s	40	32	c
Oklahoma City	47	16	s	40	26	s
Omaha	16	4	sn	23	15	pc
Orlando	64	52	s	68	35	pc
Philadelphia	40	26	s	46	27	c
Phoenix	66	44	s	71	46	s
Portland, ME	39	20	s	33	23	pc
Raleigh	44	29	s	48	22	pc
Rapid City	24	4	s	38	12	pc
Reno	48	22	s	51	21	s
Sacramento	56	36	c	54	35	pc
St. Louis	29	14	sn	22	17	pc
St. Paul	8	-6	sn	8	5	sn
Salt Lake City	38	18	s	40	17	pc
San Diego	76	46	s	75	50	s
San Francisco	62	46	s	58	43	pc
Seattle	44	39	sh	46	37	c
Tucson	67	39	s	74	42	s
Washington, DC	40	26	s	42	26	c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Tax

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House Speaker Dennis Hastert warned last week that wrapping tax relief into a single package would put the focus on dollar figures instead of the benefits to taxpayers.

The estate tax and marriage penalty issues "could quickly be enacted in the law at the beginning of next year" because they already have proven bipartisan support, Hastert, R-Ill., said Friday.

House Republicans took a similar piecemeal approach to tax cuts this year, winning passage with Democratic backing of bills to scrap estate or "death" taxes and ease the marriage penalty – only to see them vetoed by President Clinton.

Bush said Sunday he will make the case for his tax package in meetings with congressional leaders this week.

"It's a little early in the process for people to be ... making judgments on our plan before they've given me a chance to explain it," Bush said at a news conference in Austin, Texas.

Many Republicans on Capitol Hill say the party could celebrate first-year victories by passing these individual tax measures while helping Bush build support for his broader plan – as well as hard-to-accomplish reforms to the Social Security and Medicare programs.

"Bush will want more expansive tax relief than the Congress is willing to send him," said Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., who heads a 60-member group of conservative House Republicans. "It's always easier to get agreement on single items. My belief is that George Bush will make an effort for an across-the-board tax cut, and failing that, will do the items on which there is agreement."

To be sure, some Republicans counsel a bold stroke on taxes, particularly because the 2002 elections, with control at Congress at stake, are likely to grab center stage in Bush's second year in office.

"George Bush doesn't establish himself well by nibbling around the edges," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. "He needs to move. I don't think the president-elect's critics are going to give him that time."

Democrats co 'd easily block tax cuts with their 50 votes in the Senate, but many support relief from the estate tax – targeted at the wealthy but now often hitting small business operators and farmers. The marriage penalty fix, meanwhile, got 270 votes in the House in September and would benefit an estimated 50 million couples who pay higher taxes than they would if single.

"I think we've got to get rid of the marriage penalty," House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said "it's very difficult to isolate" a few tax measures outside of a broader budget picture. Those two tax cuts as passed this year would have consumed nearly $400 billion of the projected budget surplus over a decade.

"I don't know that we want to take up a bill in the larger context right off the bat, but certainly if that's the president-elect's desire, we can look at those issues," Daschle said. "Nothing should be off the table."

Former Russian prisoner returns to U.S. soil

HEBRON, Ky. (AP) – An American businessman who was convicted by a Russian court of espionage and then pardoned in a "goodwill gesture," partly for health reasons, returned to the United States on Sunday.

Edmond Pope's plane touched down at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky airport, then headed for Oregon, where his mother waited for his weather-delayed flight.

"I feel pretty good," Pope told The Associated Press during the flight layover. "I can't tell you how happy I am to be home."



Edmond Pope

Pope, 54, was discharged Saturday from a U.S. military hospital in Germany where he had been undergoing tests since he was released from a Russian prison Thursday.

He appeared to be in good shape Sunday, although a little tired. He said he couldn't say much about his experience but was glad to be going home to be with his family.

Pope, a retired U.S. Navy officer, was the first American convicted of espionage in Russia since U-2 spy pilot Francis Gary Powers was shot down in 1960.

He spent eight months behind bars in Russia before he was convicted Dec. 6 of illegally obtaining classified blueprints of a high-speed underwater torpedo. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Pope maintained his innocence and argued that the plans were not secret because they had already been sold abroad and were published in open sources. His company, CERF Technologies International, specializes in information about foreign maritime technology.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's pardon, released Thursday, cited "the health condition of the convict and his personal appeal, and also ... the high level of ties between the Russian Federation and the United States of America."

Gunman injures seven at memorial gathering

CHESTER, Pa. (AP) – Six people were shot, two critically, during a memorial gathering for a murder victim.

Friends of Gary Scott, a youth basketball coach who was shot in the back of the head Dec. 9, were at Ginn's Restaurant & Bar when a fight broke out on the dance floor early Saturday, police said.

A shot was fired and people ran for the exits. Some patrons grabbed the shooter and the gun was knocked from his hand, but police believe a second man picked up the gun and shot all six victims.

A seventh person suffered a head injury when he was pistol whipped by the gunman.

No arrests had been made Sunday. Police said they questioned a man Saturday but wouldn't identify him or discuss a possible motive.

Police said there was no connection between the shootings and the murder of Scott, 36. No arrests have been made in that shooting.

"I'm hurting, not so much for my business, but because I can't believe someone would do that during a benefit for someone who was killed," said Bob Ginn, 60, owner of the bar.

Elector

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federal officials, with the final, national count tallied in a joint session of Congress the first week of January.

The meeting is as brief as 20 minutes in some states, two hours in others. Some have invited marching bands and costumed actors, turning the meeting into a celebration. Several have invited schoolchildren to witness the Electoral College vote in one of the most unusual elections in the nation's history.

"This has been a great American civics lesson," said Alabama Secretary of State Jim Bennett.

But for others, the hard-fought weeks of postelection campaigning made this last vote even more poignant.

"I go down there with a heavy heart," said Joyce Savocchio, a Gore elector from Erie, Pa. "In '92, I was absolutely ecstatic."

Some Republicans were modest. "The way it has turned out doesn't leave me a sense of exultation or clicking my heels," said Chuck Clay, chairman of Georgia's GOP and a Bush elector. "I'm happy. I'm satisfied. There'll be time for partying at the inauguration."

Some voters still hope for an upset, flooding Bush electors with e-mail, letters and phone calls urging them to switch their vote to Gore because he won the popular vote.

Bush won enough states to ensure the 270 electoral vote majority.

But with a 271-267 split, a switch by two electors would send the election to the U.S. House. If three switched, Gore would wind up president.

Camp

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during a 42-day "wilderness trek" on federal land near the Idaho-Nevada border. It won't take any boys who appear to be violent, or pose a flight risk.

The camp and on-site school takes 12- to 17-year-old boys. The company will take youths with substance abuse problems, emotional problems and – in some cases – criminal records, Merchant said.

Anasazi has been taking troubled boys and girls on survival treks since starting business in 1988, Merchant said.

"Learning the survival skills really gives them a sense of accomplishment," he said.

After the 42-day wilderness hike, the boys will enter a school that represents a new approach for the company, said Brent Hosam, Anasazi's spokesman in Idaho. The school will provide the boys with all the standard education basics, plus special counseling for emotional or substance abuse problems, he said.

Anasazi will take some boys on a contract with the Juvenile Corrections department, while others are put into the program by their families, Merchant said.

Under the state contract, if a boy is admitted by the state, and his family can pay the company's $4,500 monthly fee, the family is expected to pay, he said. If not, the state pays $150 per boy per day.

In addition to the wilderness trek, boys can spend anywhere from one or two months to an entire year at the Magic Hot Springs school, he said.

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Calendar

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region, he said districts are committed to aligning their calendars as closely to CSI's as possible.

Murtaugh and Valley schools this year converted to block scheduling to match their daily schedules with the Cassia Regional Technical Center in Burley so that their students could attend classes there.

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Gunmen fire on U.S.-Russian patrol

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) – Gunmen fired on a joint American-Russian patrol Sunday as it tried to seal the boundary between Kosovo and part of southern Serbia where ethnic Albanian rebels have been challenging Yugoslav forces, the U.S. Army said.

Peacekeepers suffered no casualties in the attack, the first reported against NATO-led troops since ethnic Albanian rebels escalated cross-border raids in November. The joint patrol returned fire but it was unclear whether the attackers, whose identity was unknown, suffered casualties, U.S. Army spokeswoman Capt. Alayne Cramer said in a statement.

The attack occurred one day after a violent incident in northwestern Kosovo, in which Serbs angry over the arrest of a motorist set fire to a police station, stoned vehicles and briefly took seven Belgian soldiers hostage. Two Serbs died in the melee in the town of Leposavic and one was wounded, raising tensions in this troubled province.

The U.S. statement said the shooting attack occurred about 1:30 p.m. as the patrol was trying to seal the boundary near the village of Gornje Karacevo about 30 miles southeast of Pristina.

Peacekeepers had just detonated a series of explosive charges to destroy a section of road believed used by the militants when they received small arms fire, the statement said.

"The Multinational Brigade East was continuing the boundary closure efforts to prevent the flow of supplies and movement of armed ethnic groups across the border," the statement added. "No suspects have been detained."

The new democratic government of Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica has been urging the NATO-led force in Kosovo to crack down on the ethnic Albanian extremists of the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac, known by its Albanian-language acronym UCPMB.

Last month, the rebels killed four Yugoslav policemen and seized several positions in the three-mile-wide buffer zone along the Yugoslav side of the boundary. The zone was established in June 1999 to prevent Belgrade's forces from threatening the peacekeepers who took over Kosovo after the 78-day NATO bombing of Yugoslavia, launched to force then-President Slobodan Milosevic to halt his crackdown against Kosovo Albanians.

Yugoslav forces cannot use heavy weapons in the zone, and so the ethnic Albanians have been operating in the area with impunity. They are trying to drive Yugoslav forces from the area, which has an ethnic Albanian majority but is not part of Kosovo.

The incident occurred at a time of mounting tension in the province following Saturday's violence in Leposavic, about 40 miles northwest of here in a predominately Serb area.

Twisters put holidays on hold

Death toll rises to 12 from band of tornadoes that hit Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) – Marilyn King's Christmas decorations and holiday plates and glasses lay shattered in a damp pile on her cold floor Sunday, smashed by tornadoes that killed 12 people statewide.

King and her husband, two daughters and a son-in-law had cowered in a hallway as a powerful tornado roared by just 100 yards away, blasting out windows and splintering the roof.

"I'm just thankful we're not planning a funeral," she said.

Elsewhere in Tuscaloosa, 11 people died along a 12-mile path of destruction, including a 15-month-old boy whose body was found amid the rubble on Sunday. Authorities said the child's father also was killed, and his mother and two sisters were hospitalized.

The 12th person was killed in Geneva, in the southeastern part of the state.

Tornadoes spawned by lines of thunderstorms ripped apart more than 400 homes and businesses statewide Saturday, injuring at least 50 people. Damage was so widespread, authorities said it would be Monday before they knew the toll.

The National Weather Service classified the tornado as an F4 on the Fujita scale, meaning it had wind of 207 mph to 260 mph, said Don Hartley of Tuscaloosa County's emergency office. An F5 is the strongest, with wind above 260 mph.

The same weather system that produced the storms in Alabama also blew down trees and caused flooding in eastern Tennessee, iced streets in parts of northern Georgia, and on Sunday clobbered the Northeast with wind and heavy rain.

Farther west, sunshine on Sunday melted the snow and ice stuck to roads and trees in Arkansas. Storms during the week knocked out power to about a quarter million homes and businesses, caused more than $8 million in property damage and were blamed for nine deaths.

"We're going to cross our fingers and hope this doesn't happen again," said Jennifer Gordon, a spokeswoman for the state's Emergency Management Department.

Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman toured the tornado-ravaged areas on Sunday and called it "one of the worse tragedies" in the state's history.

"When you see the devastation, the families, the homes and the businesses, you can feel the pain of these people," Siegelman said.

The worst devastation was in a sprawling trailer park just south of Tuscaloosa, where most of the victims were found. Mobile homes were blown into mangled piles.



AP photo

Three Bear Creek Road residents walk through their neighborhood Saturday, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., after a tornado slammed through the Tuscaloosa area.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Salvation Army asks for turkeys, hams

TWIN FALLS – The Salvation Army will be stocking 300 Christmas baskets for families and seniors, and is requesting donations of turkeys and hams.

Bring donations to the Salvation Army, 348 4th Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Major Ann Patterson at 733-8720.

Details remain unavailable in Saturday drug bust

TWIN FALLS – Twin Falls police are still not releasing any names or ages of the 13 people arrested early Saturday morning on drug charges.

Operating with a warrant, police made the arrests at 7:15 a.m. at 459 Ash St. N. in Twin Falls, said Sgt. Ron Fustus of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Of the 13 people arrested, four are juveniles, Fustus said.

CSI board tours new classroom addition

TWIN FALLS – The College of Southern Idaho today will begin its board meeting with a tour of the new addition to one of its classroom and lab buildings.

The Aspen Building tour begins at 5 p.m.

The board will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in room 258 of the Taylor Building.

Agenda items include more discussion about ownership of original work by CSI students, and information about online registration and the Idaho Electronic Campus.

TFHS students raise $2,066 in change

TWIN FALLS – Twin Falls High School students raised $2,066 in their annual Change for Change drive, the Twin Falls School District announced.

This week students will go Christmas shopping for their adopted families and write checks to selected charities.

In the past, students have donated turkeys to the Salvation Army, provided cash donations to local charities helping people in need, sponsored families, and helped fellow students.

Buhl School Board begins budget plans

BUHL – The School Board is scheduled to take action on a number of items at today's meeting.

The board's agenda includes textbook adoption, policy review, and driver education.

The School Board is not scheduled to take action but will review budget preparations for the 2001-2002 school year.

The district's 90 percent reading goal also is on the agenda.

The board meets at 5 p.m.

Veterinarian creates instructional video

KETCHUM – Don't know what to get Fido for Christmas? How about a video! And not just "Lady and the Tramp," either.

Sun Valley veterinarian Randy Acker has produced a 54-minute instructional video, "Advanced Canine First Aid for Sporting/Outdoor Dogs." The video complements Acker's "Field Guide to Dog First Aid," now in its third printing.

It also complements a unique canine first aid kit, which includes prescription drugs for treating infections, snakebites and shocks, medical instruments such as a skin stapler and an ear stockingette.

The video demonstrates how to administer the kit's 30 first aid items with the help of illustrations from actual cases.

It also gives tips on when people should seek professional veterinary care for their pets.

For information, call the Sun Valley Animal Center at 1-800-699-BONE or visit the website at www.svanimal.com.

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Cell tower power

TF City Council to consider new ordinance

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – A new cell tower ordinance inches closer to reality tonight – an ordinance that would regulate cell towers locally and, if approved, end a four-month moratorium on new towers.

City Council members will consider the new ordinance at their meeting tonight at City Hall.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the ordinance.

The council could approve the ordinance tonight which would end a four-month moratorium on cell towers in the city.

City planners gave their go-ahead on the ordinance in November. As written, the ordinance prohibits towers in residential zones unless they are attached to utility poles or sit on rooftops.

The ordinance also suggests cellular companies co-locate on existing towers and place towers on public property when possible.

City officials recently gave two large cellular service and personal carrier system companies their approval to set up towers in Twin Falls.

Earlier this month, NewCom Wireless LLC received the council's approval to build two 90-foot communication towers in the city – one at 2404 Addison Ave. E. and the other at 458 Victory Aye. near the Southpark area of Twin Falls.

The City Council also approved U S West Wireless LLC's request to set up three new cellular towers. Two 120-foot cellular poles, one on Addison Avenue West, the other on Deere Street, and one 93-foot pole on Elm Street North behind the Randy Hansen Autoplex were approved in November.

Both NewCom and U S West's requests were submitted before the moratorium was imposed.

In other city business tonight:

- David Mead and Jason Kelley would like to continue serving as members of the city's Tree Commission. The council will consider their reappointments for three-year terms. The Tree Commission unanimously approved their reappointments on Dec. 8.
- The Police Department wants some new wheels. The City Council will consider bids on new 2001 patrol vehicles.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 735-3259 or by e-mail at jhuddy@magicvalley.com

Interested?

The City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today at City Hall. Public hearings will begin at 6 p.m.

IRON DREAMS



LORRAINE CAVENER/The Times-News

Mary Garrett shows a custom entryway she is building. The one-of-a-kind iron structure, resembling an arbor, will be placed in front of a Hailey business.

Former high-rise ironworker tries art

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE – Once she trod the skies of Detroit and other cities as a high-rise ironworker. Nowadays, Mary Garrett is pursuing her dream of being an artist in iron.

"I always wanted to do art and never had the opportunity," said the 42-year-old owner of Mary's Iron Studio. "It's not often you have a job where you can do what you want."

Early in her working life, Garrett tried being a bank teller, but she decided she didn't fit in. So she became a millwright in a cement plant near her home in Milan, Mich.

She left the cement plant after 10 years, out of concern that breathing cement dust would harm her health. But the job had taught her the welding skills that would carry her to a new vocation.

She became friends with an ironworker, and his work on high-rise buildings fascinated her.

"I thought it was amazing the way they were walking the iron," she said.

She learned that applications were being accepted for ironworker apprentices. Though her boyfriend said no girlfriend of his would ever be an ironworker, Garrett was not dissuaded.

"I snuck over and put my application in," she said.

On her first day as a woman in a macho occupation, she instantly knew what she would be up against.

"There was a shanty full of ironworkers, and the look on their face was like, 'We'll get rid of her,'" she said.

She was assigned to clean up the job site, but she soon proved that she could weld. Soon she was working on an 11-story building in Dearborn, Mich.

"It was pretty scary, but I really liked it," she said. "It's exciting on a high-rise – all the noise, cranes swinging, lots going on, always doing something new."

She became a journeyman ironworker after a three-year program and worked nearly a dozen years on high-rise buildings.

In the meantime, her brothers, Grady and Pat Garrett, had moved to Idaho. Grady Garrett started Garrett Construction in Ketchum. Mary Garrett eventually moved to Shoshone and began working for her brother. Her mother and father moved here as well.

As a family project, the Garretts bought Shoshone's old Bureau of Land Management building and converted it. One end is living quarters. The other end is Mary's Iron Studio, where Mary Garrett builds one-of-a-kind iron handrails, fireplaces, sculptures and other custom designs.

Though she continues construction work as her bread and butter, she is one step closer to her dream.

"I'm hoping down the road I can just do art," she said.

Police plan to present proposal

Wood River Valley examines mental illness issue

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY – Law enforcement personnel in the Wood River Valley shifted into high-speed chase mode this week in an effort to come up with better ways for dealing with the mentally ill by the first of the year.

They plan to present a proposal at the Jan. 8 meeting of the Blaine County commissioners.

The problem is that there is no crisis bed facility at the new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.



Sheriff Walt Femling

This is hard on the person who is going through the crisis and his or her family. And dealing with the mentally ill takes law enforcement personnel away from other duties for hours at a time.

The problem deserves immediate attention, members of the Blaine County Board of Commissioners Criminal Justice Council decided at their quarterly meeting on Thursday.

The easy solution would be for the hospital to open a crisis intervention bed to provide a safe environment for the patient until a designated examiner can recommend a further course of action.

A newly formed NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) affiliate in the Wood River Valley recently lobbied for that with the Blaine County Commissioners after a mentally ill teen-ager was turned away from the hospital on Thanksgiving Day because it was not geared up to provide the level of treatment that Intermountain Hospital in Boise or Canyon View in Twin Falls can provide.

But you can't just mandate that a private, not-for-profit hospital like St. Luke's open a psychiatric wing, said Blaine County Commissioner Len Harlig. It involves getting licensed and hiring expensive round-the-clock psychiatric nurses. What's more, the hospital needs to have the ability to do enough cases to keep up the proficiency of the people who

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Want to know more?

Members of the Criminal Justice Council pledged a renewed commitment to forging ahead on their mission of getting a uniform truancy and curfew ordinance established throughout Blaine County.

"When it's 20 degrees below and snowing, a curfew is not as important. But it's important to get done now so it'll be in place come May when it does become an issue," said Sun Valley Police Chief Cam Daggett.

The biggest thing seems to be getting city attorneys on board, members noted.

Jerome holds public annexation hearing

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME – The city will hear what the public has to say tonight regarding a plan to annex about 200 acres into corporate city limits.

The land to be annexed includes 120 acres on the northeast side of the city, about 76 acres northwest of the city and 17 acres southeast of the city.

Land identified for annexation are as follows:

- The two lots for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatch site and the South Central District Health Department.
- All of Forsythe Park and one row of lots just south of Forsythe Park.
- Land bordered on the east by 100 East, on the west by North Jackson Street, on the north by 19th Avenue East and on the south by 17th Avenue

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Interested?

The Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 tonight in council chambers to hear comments on the proposal to annex about 200 acres into city limits.

Rupert leaders brainstorm ways to keep businesses

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT – Business retention is one of the biggest challenges for the city of Rupert, and one way to keep businesses in the area might be to hire a full-time business recruiter.

"I would think you'd have to (hire someone full-time)," said City Councilman Steve Barras. "I don't know that you can find a volunteer with the time and energy to promote Rupert."

Rupert city leaders held a two-day strategic planning workshop last month to discuss future goals for the city.

A report from the meeting was compiled by consultant David Patton, director for the Center for Public Policy and Administration at Boise State University.

In the report, business retention is listed as the most critical issue for the city to tackle. Close behind it are the related issues of business recruitment, along with having the needed city infrastructure to support businesses.

These three issues go hand-in-hand, Barras said.

Ideally, the city would recruit a large industry which would create jobs and bring in people, thus paving the way for more diversified and successful businesses in Rupert.

Barras said this is a long-term goal.

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ON THE AGENDA

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m. courthouse.

Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.

Buhl School Board, 7:30 p.m., district administration office.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., Room 258, Taylor Administration Building.

Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district office.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Ketchum City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Tuesday

Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library.

Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.

Jerome City Council, 6:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., high school, telecommunications room.

Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room at airport.

Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., school district office, Rupert.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 p.m., courthouse.

Thursday

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Kimberly School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school media center.

Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Friday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Enrollment drops, but school doesn't cut staff accordingly

COLORADO CITY, Ariz. (AP) – Although hundreds of students were pulled out of Colorado City's public school, the staff has not reduced accordingly, the superintendent of Mohave County Schools said.

At last count, 99 staff members were on the payroll, said superintendent Mike File. Current enrollment at the school is 329 students.

Enrollment dropped by more than 600 students this school year following a sermon by leaders of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The sermon called for members to separate itself from the secular schools.

File said he has been working with Superintendent of Colorado City Schools Alvin Barlow to get the numbers to a more reasonable level.

File said Barlow would have to fire about 60 employees to have a normal student-to-staff ratio.

But since early October only eight people have been taken off the payroll.

"For the number of people th y (Colorado City School staff) are paying they have adequate funds," said File.

Deloy Bateman, a science teacher at the school, said there is "a great number" of teachers who come to school each day but do not teach.

Bateman said those teachers are presumably followers of Warren Jeffs who were told by their leader not to be involved in public schooling.

Bateman said he worries about the quality of education at the school.

"I don't know why they're (teachers who are not working) there," said Bateman. "They don't care about the students."

File said it would be *difficult* to prove if teachers are working.

The situation of a teacher who accepts a paycheck without doing any work could be considered "a gift of public funds," according to File.

SERVICES

Mildred May Benson Matthews of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Verneta May Appleby-Kee of Longview, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the Haakinson-Groulx Mortuary, 215 C St. E. in Rainier, Ore.

Elizabeth M. Walz of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Gertrude Leora Maughan of Boise, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to noon today at Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel.

Miekla Delgato, infant daughter of Julene and David Delgato of Burley, viewing from 3-6 p.m. today; graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday in Boise.

Janice Seagraves Robinson of Hailey, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Baptist Church in Hailey (Wood River Chapel).

Theodore Coonts of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Emma Melvina Thompson of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Nelma 'Sunnie' Rappleye of Burley, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and 1-1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Rowena Beltz of Paul, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Miguel Angel Trujillo

RUPERT – Miguel Angel Trujillo, 1 day old son of Andrea Trujillo Melendez, passed away on Sunday.

Private family cremation services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS





Theodore 'Ted' Roosevelt Coonts

Theodore 'Ted' Roosevelt Coonts, 88 years young, died on Saturday afternoon, December 16, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

Ted was born September 9, 1912, in Drury, Missouri, one of eight children born to William Thomas Coonts and Sadie Lee Rhoades. He is survived by two sons: Thomas E. (Janet) of Kimberly, Idaho; Richard K. (Katherine) of McCall, Idaho, one sister, Ada, one brother, Donald Ray and one granddaughter, Wendy Simono of Twin Falls. His only great-grandchildren, Joshua and Alicia Simono brought joy and laughter to his humble home. He was preceded in death by his wife Viola, parents, one brother, William Coonts; and four sisters: Margaret, Phyllis, Opal, and Irma.

Partially deaf from a young age, Ted did not ever know a stranger. His handicap created interesting pronunciations and sometimes very humorous responses. But it never occurred to him that accurate hearing was necessary for sharing life and love.

When his family lost their savings in the depression, he, along with his brother and two friends, left Missouri and came West. He worked as a farmhand and then for Amalgamated Sugar Co. before becoming a meter reader for Idaho Power in 1941. For thirty-five years his routes took a bit longer because he had to check on the status of families, pat the dogs, and share the latest fish story. He called it "public relations".

An avid fisherman and hunter, he visited Magic Reservoir, Sunbeam, and Salmon Dams frequently with Viola, his boys, and their close friends. His boats worked, but they were not remembered for their beauty or speed. The memories created in the boats, on the trips going and coming, and on the banks are Ted's legacy to his family and friends. Compassionate, loyal, and devoted, his sons seldom heard cross words. Spankings that are remembered total four: one for Tom, three for Rich.

A sports fan, Ted would take Viola and drove to Portland to watch Tom play basketball for NCC's Crusaders. While only reaching the eighth grade himself before he went to work farming for his dad, he was gratified when Richard graduated from college and went on to do graduate work. Ted's voice could be heard at every CSI home basketball game and at his son, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter's softball games. Whenever a family member was hurting, they could count on Ted to extend a helping hand financially and emotionally. "I told you so" was not a part of his philosophy. He always said, "You are entitled to a few mistakes." In his later years Richard's concern for his dad's health helped guide Ted to buying and selling fishing gear. The white price tags floating in the wind decorated his lawn on 2nd Ave East almost every weekend.

As a member of the First Christian Church, Ted served as a deacon and board member for many years. The lesson he quietly taught to all who shared the space of his days and nights was the same lesson Jesus Christ teaches us: To love unconditionally.

And he did. His marriage was a living example of that pledge to love, honor, and cherish, in sickness and in health until death do us part. Two months after her death, he joined the wife he loved so completely in eternal rest.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday December 19, 2000 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dave Drullinger of the Twin Falls First Christian Church officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at Reynolds Chapel today from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church. Contributions may be left at Reynolds Chapel or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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Ex-governor recalls his own close race

IDAHO FALLS (AP) – Former Idaho Gov. Phil Batt's own experience with a close race is allowing him to relate to Al Gore's close, but failed, race for the presidency.

Batt understands what it is like to lose an election he expected to win, knows the bitter taste of second place and can relate to the difficulty of mounting a comeback after a devastating defeat.

"It's tough," Batt said. "Not so much for you, but for all the people who worked so hard for you. It probably took a couple years for me to get a better perspective on it."



Phil Batt

Batt was speaking about the Idaho gubernatorial election of 1982, a contest between he and Democrat John Evans. The stakes were not as high as Gore vs. George W. Bush. And Evans and Batt liked and respected each other, unlike Gore and Bush, who appear to be so fundamentally different that they can barely stand to be in the same room.

On Election Night in 1982, it looked as though Batt would become Idaho's governor. Batt held the lead for most of the night and was even declared the winner by one television network. But late returns from Pocatello and Lewiston propelled Evans to a slim and somewhat unexpected 4,208-vote victory.

The Batt/Evans race was not as close as Gore/Bush, which came down to less than 1,000 votes in a state where around 6 million were cast.

And Batt, as hurt as he was, accepted his defeat graciously.

"I never considered a recount, but there was some basis for it," he said. "When it's over, it's over."

Others throughout the years have faced that same choice. In 1960, Republican Richard Nixon narrowly lost to Democrat John F. Kennedy. Recognizing that everyone looks kindly upon the gracious loser, Nixon decided not to contest the outcome. He returned eight years later and was elected president.

Nixon wrote in his memoirs that demanding a recount would have meant an early end to his political career.

"Charges of sore loser would follow me through history and remove any possibility of a further political career," he wrote.

Batt returned to the limelight in 1990, eight years after his defeat, when he became chairman of the state's Republican Party. Four years later, he was elected governor.

The cynical view of Batt's 1982 behavior is that, like Nixon, he was thinking about his political future.

But Batt said he did not plan to run again, and did so only when Republicans failed to find anyone more qualified than he.

It is difficult to say how much Batt's choice in 1982 helped his cause in 1994. Most agree it helped his chances.

Researchers uncover sex reversal in salmon

LEWISTON (AP) – Researchers from the University of Idaho and Washington State University have uncovered a troubling case of sex reversal in several fall chinook salmon from the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River.

Genetic samples taken from the 1999 return of wild chinook there show 80 percent of the females tested began life as males.

The discovery may help researchers determine at least one reason wild salmon populations have suffered dramatic declines in the Northwest. Ironically, the fall chinook run in the Hanford Reach is one of the strongest in the Columbia River Basin.

The Hanford Reach is a stretch of natural flow of the Columbia River along the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

The study, led by University of Idaho zoology professor James J. Nagler, was published in Friday's issue of Environmental Health Perspectives, a journal of the National Institute Environmental Health Sciences.

Nagler and his partner, Gary Thorgaard, director of Washington State University's Biological Sciences Department, have ruled out radiation as a cause for the gender reversal.

According to Nagler and a University of Idaho news release, tests conducted on Hanford Reach fall chinook showed most of the females tested had genetic markers found only in males.

"There is a potential at least for this to have significant effects on the population," Nagler said. "If this is occurring every year, it's going to reduce the number of females."

But Nagler stressed that the finding could be an isolated event and never happen again. He plans to continue testing the salmon there and elsewhere to determine if the phenomenon is widespread or isolated.

Scientists have been able to induce gender changes in developing fish eggs for more than 30 years. Experiments in Thorgaard's laboratory have induced sex changes in trout embryos by exposing them to hormones and a study in Canada showed fluctuating water temperatures can alter the sex of developing sockeye salmon.

Although it has never been known to happen in nature, Nagler said water temperature fluctuations caused by hydroelectric dams could be responsible for the gender-reversed females he observed in the Hanford Reach.

Altered females, which begin life as males, carry both an X and Y chromosome that normally signifies a male. But the fish possess all the physical characteristics of females and are able to produce eggs and spawn.

Nagler said about one half of the eggs that these altered females produce carry a Y chromosome. Those that are fertilized with sperm also carrying a Y chromosome will produce a so-called super male.

If super males carrying two Y chromosomes survive and return to spawn in 2003, their sperm would all have Y chromosomes and all of their offspring would be male. If that happens, generation after generation, it could lead to a shortage of females and cause a plunge in the population.

The researchers also tested chinook from the Priest Rapids Fish Hatchery and from Dworshak National Fish Hatchery at Ahsahka and found no evidence of gender-reversed females.

Nagler said the next step is to monitor the Hanford Reach chinook and determine if the phenomenon is recurring.

Idaho seeks comments on disposal operation

GRAND VIEW (AP) – State officials will conduct a meeting and public hearing Wednesday on a proposal to continue operations at Envirosafe Services of Idaho Inc.

State Department of Environmental Quality officials are reviewing Envirosafe's permit to continue to operate the existing hazardous waste facility.

Envirosafe wants to build a new disposal cell to continue to operate when its existing disposal cell is filled.

Health Department warns of turkey, chicken recalls

BOISE (AP) – Idaho's Department of Health is advising consumers to check their refrigerators for recalled turkey and chicken products.

The recalled products may be contaminated with a potentially deadly bacteria called listeria.

Listeria can cause serious health problems, including miscarriages or stillbirths.

Residents are encouraged to either throw the products out or return them to their place of purchase for a refund.

The products are:

Sliced products

- Owen's Hickory Smoked Pre-Sliced Turkey Breast, fresh
- Riverside Pre-Sliced Hickory Smoked Turkey Breast, fresh and frozen
- Riverside Pre-Sliced Oven Prepared Turkey Breast, frozen
- Honeysuckle White Pre-Sliced Oven Prepared Turkey, fresh and frozen
- Plantation Fiesta Pre-Sliced Turkey Breast, fresh
- Plantation Mesquite Smoked Pre-Sliced Turkey Breast, fresh and frozen
- Plantation Pre-Sliced Smoked Banquet-style Turkey Breast, fresh and frozen
- Plantation Black Forest Turkey Ham, fresh.
- Pre-Sliced Turkey Pastrami, fresh and frozen
- Pre Sliced Star Turkey Breast

Unsliced products

- Dine Rite Picnic Dark Turkey, fresh and frozen
- Old South Turkey Ham, fresh
- Plantation Cajun Fried Turkey, frozen
- Honeysuckle White Cajun Style Fried Whole Turkey, frozen

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FOR THE RECORD

TWIN FALLS – Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Misdemeanor sentencings

City of Twin Falls

Randy Carpenter, 21, 862 Carriage, Twin Falls; count 1, possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, with $250 suspended; $63.50 court costs; 60 days' jail time, suspended; 30 days' driving privileges suspended; six months' probation; count 2, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, with $250 suspended; 60 days' jail time, suspended; 30 days' driving privileges suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Joshua B. Webster, 20, 1341 N. Filmore St., Jerome; count 1, fictitious display of card or plates; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; six months' probation; count 2, possession of mutilated driver's license; pleaded guilty; $100 fine, suspended; six months' probation; count 3, failure to appear for misdemeanor citation; pleaded guilty; $100 fine, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Danny R. Casillas, 24, 239 Bonney, Twin Falls; trespassing; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; 14 days' jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Anthony John Boundy, 42, 138 Walnut St., Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Charles Troy Shenk, 35, 290 Ash St. N., Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; $63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Eduardo Ferreira-Chavez, 18, 1498 E. 3300 S., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, suspended; $78.50 court costs; 14 days' jail time, 12 days' suspended; six months' driving privileges suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Dennis S. Horrocks, 34, 427 N. 17th Ave., Pocatello; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, with $300 suspended; $63.50 court costs; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Jamie Hoskovec, 21, 2026 Elizabeth No. 101, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, with $300 suspended; $63.50 court costs; seven days' jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Michael Z. Gammage, 29, 440 Levevers Road, Cedartown, Ga; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; $500 fine; $78.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Tony Tellez, 20, 316 12th Ave. N., Buhl; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; $63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Steven Belceto, 48, 8224 N.E. 143 Road N., Bothwell, Wash.; petit theft; pleaded guilty; $63.50 court costs; 94 days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Laura Ramirez, 31, 340 Witt St., Twin Falls; domestic violence; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, suspended; $63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail time, with 137 days' suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Kisha Marlae Woodruff, 23, 380 Madrin, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; $150 fine; $63.50 court costs; 30 days' jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Wendy C. Brown, 25, 811 Filer Ave., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $300 fine; $78.50 court costs; 30 days' jail time, with 28 days' suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Twin Falls County

Richard Melvin Thornock, 35, 581 S. 100 E., Jerome; battery; pleaded guilty; $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Dennis S. Horrocks, 34, 427 N. 17th Ave., Pocatello; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; $300 fine, suspended; $63.50 court costs; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Karen Fuentes, 32, 4204 N. 1400 E., Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; $150 fine; $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Rick Lee Prather, 26, 1307 Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, with $300 suspended; $78.50 court costs; 14 days' jail time; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Jack E. Greening, 38, 611 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $1000 fine, with $800 suspended; $78.50 court costs; 14 days' jail time, with 12 days' suspended; six months' driving privileges suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Martin Magana-Leon, 36, 224 Eighth St., Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $1,000 fine, with $500 suspended; $78.50 court costs; 10 days' jail time, suspended; 360 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Christopher Lyle Gonterman, 21, 713 Birch St., Buhl; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $78.50 court costs; five days' jail time, suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Todd Dewayne Richardson, 38, 259 Buena Vista, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; $500 fine, suspended; $63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time with 86 days' suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Daniel Hurlbutt.

Felony sentencings

Twin Falls County

Demetrio Eddie Trujillo, 28, 1707 Fourth St. N., Nampa; vehicular manslaughter; pleaded guilty; $17.50 court costs; 10 years penitentiary, two years determinate, seven years determinate; District Judge Daniel Meehl.

Child Support Cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Raymond J. Owsley. Seeking $172 monthly support, plus 51 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; $330 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Shannon Rowe. Seeking $437 monthly support, plus 76 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; $330 attorneys' fees and costs.

Divorces

Karen Louise Morano vs. Tony Joseph Morano.

William Dean Machacek vs. Donya Randee Machacek.

Elizabeth Jean Hurless vs. John Avery Hurless.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Twin Falls County

Roel C. Garcia, 20, 406 Gardner No. 18, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach.

CSI TODAY

Today

PACT Bible study group "Day of Prayer" for final exams, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

CSI Golden Eagle Booster luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

CSI Board monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

Idaho Agriculture Department re-licensing and training for bulk milk haulers, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

Tuesday

Southern Idaho Development Organization business meeting, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Taylor 256.

"Mingle in the Jungle" reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest exhibit. Free admission.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Idaho Agriculture Department re-licensing and training for bulk milk haulers, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

"Site Extraction" art show, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery (through Jan. 27).

Wednesday

Region IV school superintendents meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 277.

Armed Services aptitude testing, 5:30 p.m., Shields 208.

Silver Sage Cave Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 277.

Friday

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Christians on Campus "Victorious Living" 12-step program, 7 p.m., Shields 102.

Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.

Saturday

"The Explorers," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 4 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday

Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.

Church of Christ, 10:30 a.m., Evergreen A05.

Philanthropist will cross party lines

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – Utah philanthropist and longtime Republican Jon M. Huntsman said he will support the political party and politician – Democrat or Republican – that will seek more federal matching grants for cancer research.

Huntsman said Republicans in Congress, especially in the Senate, aren't doing enough to fund the fight against cancer.

Huntsman has donated thousands of dollars to Republican committees and candidates. But fighting cancer is his personal mission and has become "a deep-seated emotional" commitment for him, Huntsman told the Deseret News in a copyright story Sunday.

Huntsman, who has funded the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah, wants more treatment for patients, more facilities and more research to battle cancer. But cancer research centers across the nation like his family's need help, he said.

"I've developed a feeling and I only use it for myself not for any other family members: My focus in life is (the) To Cure Cancer Political Party. Whatever it takes to find cures for cancer and treatment, I'm going to contribute to those (political) parties, and I'm going to assist those parties. Maybe the Democrats. Maybe the Republicans," he said.

Huntsman, 62, has survived prostate cancer and mouth cancer.

Earlier this year, Time magazine ranked Huntsman as the nation's sixth most generous philanthropist. He has donated $350 million to various causes, according to the July article.

But the idea that he might support Democrats to further his cancer-fighting effort could be a shocker to many Utah residents.

Huntsman was an appointee in the Nixon White House. He's supported a number of Republicans and GOP causes over the years. He briefly entered the 1988 Utah governor's race as a Republican challenging then-GOP Gov. Norm Bangerter saying he did so to help keep the office in GOP hands.

The Huntsmans net worth is estimated by Forbes Magazine this year at $4.1 billion, stemming from their ownership of the world's largest, privately held chemical company have donated $225 million to the University of Utah and to their own Huntsman Cancer Institute.

"I've got a tremendous sense of support from the Democrats who understand social problems of human suffering. And I'm terribly disappointed that I haven't had more support from my own (Republican) political party," he said.

Don Olsen, Huntsman spokesman, said Huntsman's criticisms do not include Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah.

Bennett said he's talked to Huntsman on a number of occasions on the subject. He said he hopes a bill now before the Senate will pass, directing $3 million for the Huntsman Cancer Institute and the University of Utah.

"I've made no attempt to talk him out of (supporting Democrats). I'm personally committed to doubling the National Institute of Health appropriation over five years and the National Cancer Institute gets its money from the NIH. Some Republican (senators) say that's too much; I understand that," Bennett said.

Olympic committee releases confidential files

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – Nearly 10,000 pages of confidential files in the Olympic vote-buying scandal reveal Salt Lake's now-indicted bid executives may have taken a page from Japan.

The files organized A-Z by International Olympic Committee delegates were released Saturday to The Associated Press by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

They show Tom Welch, the bid chief, and Dave Johnson, his deputy, chased their Olympic dream by doing everything from consulting fortune tellers to rushing emergency cash to IOC members' wives.

The documents include new allegations Japan paid $100,000 a vote when Nagano won the 1998 Winter Games over Salt Lake City, which was widely recognized as having the better technical bid.

Salt Lake eventually won the 2002 Games.

But in March 1991, Welch received disturbing news from Ireland's Olympic chief in a letter underlined "strictly private and confidential."

Patrick Hickey, quoting Italian Olympic sources, said "certain IOC members have entered into a contract with Nagano to vote for them for a fee of $100,000."

And on June 14, 1991, the day before Salt Lake lost to Nagano, Welch fired off an angry letter accusing IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch of trying to sabotage Salt Lake's bid.

"The word is spreading among your colleagues by those close to you, in your name, and being attributed to you personally, that 'We cannot let the Games go to Salt Lake City or the press will eat us alive,'" Welch wrote.

A bitter Welch, who considers himself a scapegoat for the Olympic vote-buying scandal, has no doubt Japan bought the Games in 1991.

"You had a lot of things in play," Welch said Saturday. He accused the Japanese of locking up the IOC vote with a $15-million pledge for an Olympic Museum, then paying a day after the IOC vote.

"There was a concerted effort on part of Samaranch to see that Japan won, to the point I felt they weren't playing fair," he said.

Welch says the bid-committee documents can help prove he and Johnson did nothing criminally wrong. Both men were indicted last summer on 15 conspiracy, fraud and bribery counts for doling out $1 million in cash, gifts, travel and scholarships to IOC delegates and their families.

The files show the extraordinary lengths Welch and Johnson went over a decade of Olympic bidding.

Welch could be generous to a fault. In 1991, the wife of Western Samoa IOC delegate Paul Wallwork sent a desperate cable to Welch that reads, "Urgently need thirty thousand."

Julia Wallwork said she had a friend in a "serious situation" but she also wrote, "Regard as business arrangement between you and me... appreciate your absolute confidence."

Welch said Saturday that he knew the money was for Mrs. Wallwork, who had just separated from her husband. Welch wired $30,000 from his own daughter's trust account. He didn't know if he'd get the money back but did, years later, without interest.

Welch said he often loaned money to IOC relatives as heartfelt expressions of friendship that went with Olympic bidding. He says his job was to win over "100 kings."

It eventually paid off. Julie Wallwork, for one, was said to be "very important" in profiles the bid-committee sketched of IOC members. She was her husband's closest consultant on Olympic matters.

Paul Wallwork was expelled by the IOC because of his wife's loan, although she insisted he never knew about it. Julie Wallwork returned to her husband. Welch wouldn't discuss the reasons for her loan.

Commission declines to close loophole

GRAND VIEW (AP) – The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission has declined a request to close a regulatory loophole that will allow half a million tons of low-level radioactive waste to be brought into Idaho.

The waste is being dumped at Envirosafe Services of Idaho Inc., a hazardous waste disposal site about 10 miles west of Grand View.

The facility is not licensed to dispose of radioactive waste, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been bringing waste from former Manhattan Project sites to Envirosafe for the past year and a half.

Environmentalists protested the loophole that lets unregulated radioactive waste into the state to be handled at a facility not designed for it.

Through a technicality, the commission does not regulate the material, and therefore the state does not regulate it as radioactive waste, even though it is radioactive.

If the same waste were produced at a site licensed by the commission after 1978, it would be considered radioactive and regulated as such.

The Snake River Alliance, a statewide nuclear watchdog group, this summer asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to close the loophole.

The alliance is not saying the waste is unsafe, but it would be better if the material were regulated as radioactive waste, executive director Gary Richardson said.

"We just think this stuff should be under NRC jurisdiction," he said.

But in a decision issued Wednesday, the commission disagreed.

In July, an anonymous letter was sent to state regulators when monitors showed a radioactive "hot spot" in a railroad car of radioactive waste at Envirosafe.

The letter might have come from a disgruntled employee, Envirosafe Manager Mike Spomer said, but the account is accurate. A load of waste did show up with a "hot spot," an area with a higher level of radiation.

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"It's not going to be an overnight process," he said.

But there are some things the city can do right now to help retain businesses, said Joyce Barfuss, the vice president of the Organization of Rupert Businesses.

For starters, she said, the city could put together a welcoming group to visit new businesses. She said the mayor and City Council members could also visit new business owners and welcome them to the area.

"I think it's important to make people feel welcome, and a part of the group," she said.

Plans are under way for ORB to create a welcoming committee this coming year, Barfuss said.

Roger Bagley, the Rupert city administrator, said having a welcoming committee would be a good start, but the city shouldn't stop there.

"It's always a good idea to do anything that would welcome new businesses," he said. "The real substance is, what can you do to help that business survive and thrive?"

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East.

• The largest parcel, bordered on the north by 16th Avenue East, on the south by Mountain View Drive, on the west by North Lincoln Street and on the east by North Davis Street. The parcel then takes in land to the east of Davis to North Fillmore Street, land bordered by Teton Drive on the south and 16th Avenue East on the north.

• The fifth parcel is owned by Tom Richmond who requested the city annex his land located adjacent to the northwest corner of the city. It is bounded on the east by North Fir Street and extends west to a jagged boundary line just east of 100 West Road.

Richmond's land is bounded on the south by 10th Street West and on the north by 100 North Road.

City Engineer Scott Rybee said the Planning and Zoning Commission will be taking public testimony from residents concerning how they would like the new annexations to be zoned. Then the commission will make a recommendation to the City Council.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

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do the work.

"You can't do it in three or four or six cases a year," Harlig said.

The new hospital does have a safe room that can house someone who's presenting a danger to himself or others for a period of time. But a law enforcement officer must remain with that person the entire time.

Typically, an officer must then escort the patient to Boise where they are examined after they're detoxified and released after one or two days. Only a few are actually committed, said Sun Valley Police Chief Cam Daggett.

A high percentage could be deemed okay and released after being held eight to 10 hours here, he added.

Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling estimated his officers drive 16,000 miles a year transporting mental patients to psychiatric hospitals. And the number of mental cases increases every year, he said.

Femling suggested setting up a pool of off-duty law enforcement officers who could be called on to sit with a patient until they can be examined. That would free the officer on duty to go back to his other duties. Officers are brainstorming ways to fund such a program which would save taxpayer dollars. But, Femling noted, he doesn't have a budget for dealing with mental patients, just a transportation budget. And the commissioners' budget for the mentally ill can be used for indigents only.

There are workmen's compensation and legal questions involved with setting up such a pool, as well, Daggett said.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"Offensive linemen don't get touchdowns, don't think about touchdowns. We just think about getting touchdowns for the other guys and letting them dance."

– Detroit guard Jeff Hartings, whose recovered fumble in the end zone lifted the Lions over the Jets 10-7 on Sunday

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Which sports use the terms Fronton and Veronica?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College men's basketball

ISU vs. Georgia Tech, at Stanford Invitational

Girls' high school basketball

Valley at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Castleford at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
Hansen at TFCA, 6 p.m.

Boys' high school basketball

Carey at Oakley, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Coaches: Please return stat forms

TWIN FALLS – Area high school boys' and girls' basketball coaches are asked to complete and return their stat forms for inclusion in The Times-News' ongoing stat roundup for the winter season.

Leading individual player stats will run weekly in the sports section. Forms may be faxed to 734-5538 or e-mailed to jeff@magicvalley.com. Coaches who have not received stat forms may call 735-3229 for replacements.

Austrians sweep World Cup races, Street at 46th

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland – World Cup overall champion Renate Goetschl won a downhill Sunday, capping a perfect weekend for the Austrian women, who won two races.

The 1999 downhill world champion, who finished second in the first of the weekend's two downhills Saturday behind teammate Brigitte Obermoser, raced down the hard, sun-kissed Corviglia I course in 1 minute, 36.49 seconds.

Olympic and world champion Picabo Street, making her comeback to downhill racing this weekend, finished 46th, 3.07 seconds behind the winner. She finished 24th Saturday in her first downhill since an accident at the World Cup finals in Crans Montana, Switzerland, that left her with casts on both legs.

Jonna Mendes was the top American, placing 11th at 1:38.01. Kirsten Clark was 13th at 1:38.09.

Selig breaks kneecap after slipping on ice

MILWAUKEE – Baseball commissioner Bud Selig broke his left kneecap Sunday after slipping on the ice in his driveway.

Selig, 66, will undergo surgery today at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center. Chuck Poulson, a nursing supervisor at the hospital, said Selig was expected to be admitted late Sunday night.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jai alai (Fronton is the building in which the game is played) and bullfighting (Veronica is the cape movement used in antagonizing the bulls).

Playoff payoff: Bucs, Rams meet in showdown

The Associated Press

Monday Night Football
Who: St. Louis (9-5) at Tampa Bay (9-5)
At stake: Winner clinches a playoff spot
Time: 7 p.m. (MST)

TAMPA, Fla. – Losing to the St. Louis Rams in last year's NFC championship game denied Tampa Bay a trip to the Super Bowl and prompted the Buccaneers to make some major changes.

The Bucs hired a new offensive coordinator, signed two Pro Bowl players (Randall McDaniel, Jeff Christy) and traded for a third (Keyshawn Johnson) in hopes of solving the problems the team had moving the ball and scoring points.

Although the running attack has been more productive and the Bucs have a scored a franchise-record 336 points with help from one of the NFL's top defenses, there is growing concern over the direction of the passing game and an inability to get Johnson more involved.

The team never touted the acquisition of Johnson as a move that would give the Bucs the firepower necessary to keep pace with explosive teams like the Rams. However, no one expected one of the league's best receivers, who signed an eight-year, $56 million contract, to become an expensive decoy.

Heading into tonight's rematch against the Rams (9-5), Johnson has 58 receptions for 689 yards and five touchdowns. While that's the most catches by a Tampa Bay wide receiver since Courtney Hawkins had 62 in 1993, it's well below the 76 per season Johnson averaged in four years with the New York Jets.

"You'd have thought acquiring me, they were going to throw me the ball a lot," Johnson said. "As long as we win, that's what's important."

The Bucs (9-5) have won six of their last seven games and can earn a playoff berth by beating the Rams, who also can clinch a spot with a victory.

Lately, Warrick Dunn has been the driving force for Tampa Bay's offense, accounting for 70 percent of the Bucs' yardage with 375 rushing and 118 receiving in victories over Buffalo, Dallas and Miami.

But Shaun King hasn't thrown a touchdown pass in 4.5 games. The Bucs are 30th in the league in passing, same as a year ago, and Johnson's frustration is evident.

"Nobody ever told me they were going to throw it to me 100 times," Johnson said. "Being stupid as I am, I just automatically assumed the passing game would be a little different."

King has thrown 13 TD passes and three interceptions in Tampa Bay's nine victories, compared to two TDs passes and eight interceptions in the team's five losses.

The Bucs failed to score a touchdown in an 11-6 loss to the Rams in the NFC title game last January, but are confident they can move the ball and score enough points to win tonight.

"Everybody loves St. Louis, loves what they're doing. They're 9-5," King said. "Everybody hates our offense. Can't do this, can't do that. We're 9-5. There's two ways to get where everybody's trying to go."

INDY-STRUCTIBLE

Colts keep playoff hopes alive, drop Dolphins 20-13

The Associated Press

MIAMI – The Indianapolis Colts averted elimination from the AFC playoff race Sunday and left the Miami Dolphins on the brink of another late-season collapse.

NFL rushing leader Edgerrin James ran for 112 yards in 32 carries, Peyton Manning threw for 206 yards and Indianapolis took advantage of a rare fast start Sunday to beat Miami 20-13.

The Colts (9-6), trying to salvage a disappointing season, will make the playoffs if they beat Minnesota and the New York Jets lose at Baltimore in the season finale. The Colts will win their second consecutive AFC East title if they beat Minnesota while the Jets and Dolphins lose.

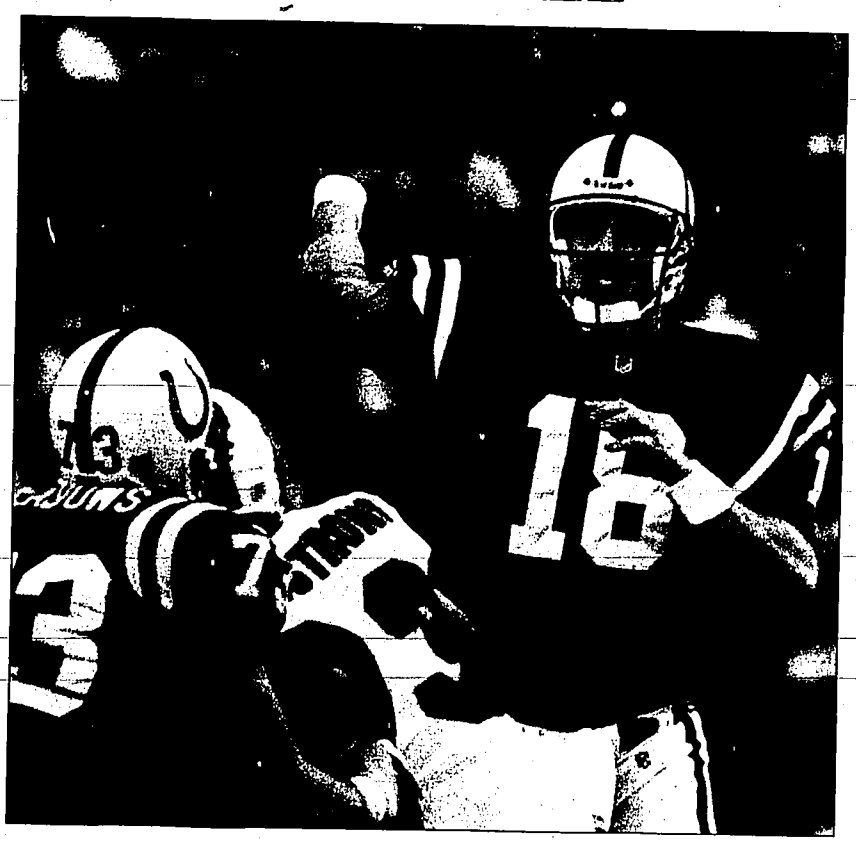
For the second week in a row, the Dolphins (10-5) missed a chance to clinch a playoff berth. They've lost back-to-back games for the first time this season, but the late fade is nothing new. In the past five seasons, Miami is 39-21 through November and 9-15 from Dec. 1 on.

The Dolphins can still clinch a playoff berth if they win Sunday at New England.

Indianapolis, shut out in the first half of its past three road games, raced to a 17-3 halftime lead.

Manning benefited from excellent protection and went 21-for-28, including a 50-yard touchdown to Marcus Pollard on Indy's first possession. Manning also scored on a 4-yard keeper. On the final play of the first half, Mike Vanderjagt kicked a 48-yard field goal, his longest of the year, and he added a 31-yarder in the third quarter.

The Dolphins closed to 20-13 on Olindo Mare's 31-yard field goal with 3:25 left, then forced a punt a minute later. But Jay Fiedler's third-down pass was intercepted by Jeff Burris, and when the Dolphins got the ball back in the final seconds, time ran out with the ball at their 40.



AP photo

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning passes as tackle Adam Meadows (73) holds back Trace Armstrong (93) of the Miami Dolphins in the first quarter of their game Sunday. The Colts beat the Dolphins 20-13 and kept their playoff hopes alive.

No. 2 Lady Vols rally past Stanford

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Michelle Snow had 18 points and No. 2 Tennessee scored the game's last 12 Sunday to rally for a 64-58 victory over No. 15 Stanford.

The Lady Vols (9-0) trailed by seven points with 5.5 minutes left. They took the lead 59-58 on Snow's one-handed shot off an assist by Tamika Catchings with 2:32 to go.

Susan King, a freshman, led all scorers with 21 points for Stanford (5-2), which has lost to Tennessee four straight times and had not played in two weeks.

Catchings finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds for Tennessee.

College basketball

No. 5 Iowa St. 87, San Francisco 60

AMES, Iowa – Angie Welle scored 18 points on 7-for-8 shooting and Iowa State pulled away early in the second half.

Iowa State (8-0) could not shake San Francisco (3-4) in the first half despite shooting 60 percent and outrebounding the Lady Dons 22-16. But a 28-4 run in the first 10:20 of the second half settled the outcome and Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly soon began pulling his starters.

No. 7 Duke 69, Arkansas St. 45

CANCUN, Mexico – Georgia Schweitzer scored a game-high 20

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Millionaires' Row

A-Rod, others power potent Rangers attack

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas – With the addition of Alex Rodriguez, Andres Galaragga and Ken Caminiti to an already potent offense, the Texas Rangers shouldn't have any problems scoring runs next season.



Alex Rodriguez



Andres Galarraga



Ken Caminiti

And they may need every run they can get.

While owner Tom Hicks' spending spree during last week's winter meetings resulted in the acquisition of the best free agent available and two other big bats, Texas hasn't been able to add a quality starter to a pitching staff that had the American League's highest ERA (5.52) last season.

Mike Hampton wanted to stay in the National League, where he

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Bryant shoots Lakers over Raptors 104-101

The Associated Press

TORONTO – Kobe Bryant said his scoring spree Sunday had nothing to do with playing against Vince Carter for the first time this season.

Bryant outscored Carter 40 to 31, leading the Los Angeles Lakers past the Toronto Raptors 104-101 in overtime.

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"I wasn't concerned about that," Bryant said. "People like individual matchups, but when all is said and done, and our careers are over with, people are going to judge us by how many championships we win."

Carter missed 22 of 32 shots from the field in the matchup of two of the NBA's biggest young stars. Bryant, guarded by Carter for most of the game, made 14 of 29.

"I think we both understand that people want to see us play well," Carter said. "I just tried to approach it as a normal game. Sometimes you can get overexcited, and not play your best basketball and you go out there looking crazy."



AP photo

The Lakers' Kobe Bryant drives to the basket against Toronto on Sunday. Bryant finished with 40 points as Los Angeles beat the Raptors 104-101 in overtime.

Toronto overcame a 15-point deficit with less than five minutes remaining in regulation, but

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NBA

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Bryant's two free throws with 19 seconds to go in overtime gave Los Angeles a four-point lead.

Bryant made two baskets to give Los Angeles a 15-point lead with 4:53 left in the fourth quarter, but Toronto put together a 17-2 run. Antonio Davis scored eight points, Carter made a 3-pointer and Alvin Williams hit a free throw, narrowing Los Angeles' lead to two points with 59 seconds remaining in regulation.

After Carter missed an 18-footer, Shaquille O'Neal missed two free throws with 12.4 second remaining.

Carter was fouled as he missed a fadeaway jumper and his two free throws tied it at 91 with 4.6 seconds left.

Williams' jumper gave Toronto a two-point lead, but Los Angeles went scored six straight points as O'Neal made an alley-oop layup, and Bryant and Robert Horry each made layups.

Toronto's Kevin Willis followed with a layup, but with Bryant double-teamed, Williams fouled Horry with 55 seconds remaining. Horry made both free throws, giving Los Angeles a four-point lead.

Willis followed with a jumper, but Bryant made his two free throws. Charles Oakley hit a long jumper, narrowing the hosts' deficit to two points with 4.8 seconds left.

Lakers guard Brian Shaw then made one of two free throws, and Carter missed a long 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

Magic 101 Grizzlies 91

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – Tracy McGrady scored 15 of his 27 points in the third quarter and had eight rebounds and eight assists as Orlando dealt Vancouver its sixth straight loss and fourth in a row at home.

John Amaechi scored 18 points and Michael Doleac added 16 for the Magic.

Mike Bibby scored 19 points and Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Grizzlies.

Knicks 100, Bucks 97, OT

NEW YORK – Glen Rice had a season-high 32 points and 14 rebounds and New York overcame a 10-point deficit in the final 2.5 minutes of the fourth quarter to beat Milwaukee for the seventh straight time.

Allan Houston finished with 29 points on 11-for-16 shooting. Marcus Camby added 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Knicks.

Glenn Robinson led Milwaukee with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Ray Allen had 18 and Tim Thomas added 17. Lindsey Hunter finished with 14 as Milwaukee had its four-game winning streak snapped.

Mavericks 99, Pistons 90

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. – Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and Christian Laettner had 16 against his old team as the Dallas handed Detroit its second straight home loss.

Dallas' Steve Nash had 16 points and nine assists, while Michael Finley had 13 points and eight assists.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 24 points, Joe Smith added 20 points and a season-best 13 rebounds for Detroit, which has dropped four of its last five games.

Kings 95, Nets 79

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. – Chris Webber had 33 points and 12 rebounds as Sacramento won for the ninth time in 12 games in continuing their best start.

Doug Christie added 18 points and Vlade Divac 12 for the Kings.

Stephon Marbury, limited to six points in the first half, finished with 17 points for the Nets, who had their two-game winning streak snapped.

Wizards 103, Clippers 94

LOS ANGELES – Juwan Howard scored a season-high 31 points and Richard Hamilton tied a career high with 30 in a reserve role as Washington snapped a nine-game losing streak.

Washington's losing streak, which included four games decided by six points or less and two by 20 or more, was its longest since a 13-game skid during the 1994-95 season.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

All Times MST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	18	6	.750	–
New York	15	10	.600	3½
Miami	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Orlando	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Jersey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
Charlotte	[illegible]	[illegible]	.640	3
Milwaukee	12	10	.546	4
Toronto	12	12	.500	4
Indiana	11	13	.458	5
Detroit	10	14	.417	6
Atlanta	[illegible]	18	.250	10
Chicago	3	21	.125	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	[illegible]	7	.708	–
Minnesota	15	9	.625	2
Dallas	16	10	.615	2
San Antonio	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3½
Denver	12	13	.480	5½
Vancouver	7	[illegible]	.292	10

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	16	6	.727	–
Portland	17	8	.680	½
L.A. Lakers	17	9	.654	1
Phoenix	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1½
Seattle	13	12	.520	4½
L.A. Clippers	8	18	.308	10
Golden State	6	18	.250	11

Saturday's Games

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Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers 104, Toronto 101, OT
Orlando 101, Vancouver 91
New York 100, Milwaukee 97, OT
Dallas 99, Detroit 90
Sacramento 95, New Jersey 79
Washington 103, L.A. Clippers 94

Today's Games

[illegible]

Tuesday's Games

[illegible]

Sunday's NBA Boxes

LAKERS 104, RAPTORS 101, OT

L.A. LAKERS (104)

[illegible]

TORONTO (101)

[illegible]

L.A. Lakers	25	29	23	15 13	–104
Toronto	23	26	15	27 10	–101

[illegible]

MAGIC 101, GRIZZLIES 91

ORLANDO (101)

[illegible]

VANCOUVER (91)

[illegible]

Orlando	24	28	30	19–101
Vancouver	28	21	25	17–91

[illegible]

KNICKS 100, BUCKS 97, OT

MILWAUKEE (97)

[illegible]

NEW YORK (100)

[illegible]

Milwaukee	29	15	24	27	2–97
New York	31	29	10	25	5–100

[illegible]

MAVERICKS 99, PISTONS 90

DALLAS (99)

[illegible]

DETROIT (90)

[illegible]

Dallas	31	16	19	33–99
Detroit	16	29	20	25–90

[illegible]

KINGS 95, NETS 79

SACRAMENTO (95)

[illegible]

NEW JERSEY (79)

[illegible]

Sacramento	31	28	17	19–95
New Jersey	15	27	25	12–79

3-Point Goals–Sacramento 3-14 (Turkoglu 1-2, J.Williams 1-4, Barry 1-5, Christie 0-3), New Jersey 2-12 (S.Jackson 1-4, Marbury 1-6, Douglas 0-1, Newman 0-1). Fouled out–Pollard. Rebounds–Sacramento 57 (Webber 12), New Jersey 49 (A.Williams 8). Assists–Sacramento 25 (Barry 6), New Jersey 16 (Marbury 8). Total fouls–Sacramento 20, New Jersey 21. Technicals–Sacramento illegal Defense 2. Flagrant fouls–Pollard, Douglas. A–13,011 (20,049).

WIZARDS 103, CLIPPERS 94

WASHINGTON (103)

[illegible]

L.A. CLIPPERS (94)

[illegible]

Washington	26	20	31	26–103
L.A. Clippers	28	18	30	22–94

3-Point Goals–Washington 1-7 (R.Hamilton 1-1, Whitney 0-2, Nesby 0-4), L.A. Clippers 2-8 (Piatkowski 1-3, Odom 1-3, Dooling 0-1, Maggette 0-1). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Washington 52 (Howard 9), L.A. Clippers 51 (Sumner, Odom, Miles 8). Assists–Washington 25 (Strickland 10), L.A. Clippers 16 (Odom 5). Total fouls–Washington 24, L.A. Clippers 27. Technicals–Washington assistant coach S.Jones. Dooling. A–12,862 (18,964).

Saturday's Late NBA Box

HEAT 93, WARRIORS 85

MIAMI (93)

Mason 7-15 5-6 19, Bowen 3-7 1-4 9, Grant 7-12 9-10 23, Jones 7-12 2-2 17, Hardaway 3-14 4-4 12, Green 1-5 4-4 6, Carter 3-5 1-4 7. Totals 31-71 26-34 93.

GOLDEN STATE (85)

A.Jamison 6-17 6-7 18, Porter 2-3 0-0 4, Jackson 12-14 2-2 26, Hughes 6-15 5-6 17, Blaylock 3-12 0-0 6, Del Negro 0-0 0-0 0, Cummings 4-12 2-2 10, Keefe 2-3 0-0 4, Curley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-76 15-19 85.

Miami	30	17	28	20–93
Golden State	23	17	21	24–85

3-Point Goals–Miami 5-19 (Bowen 2-5, Hardaway 2-10, Jones 1-4), Golden State 1-14 (Jackson 0-1, A.Jamison 0-4, Blaylock 0-4, Cummings 0-4). Fouled out–Jones, Bowen, Porter. Rebounds–Miami 51 (Grant 14), Golden State 42 (Jackson 10). Assists–Miami 26 (Hardaway 9), Golden State 19 (Blaylock 6). Total fouls–Miami 22, Golden State 26. Technicals–Grant, Golden State illegal defense (Blaylock). A–16,411 (19,590).

CBA Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Grand Rapids	2	0	7.0	13.0	6.5
Fort Wayne	2	0	5.0	10	6.0
Connecticut	1	1	3.0	3.0	2.0
Rockford	1	1	3.0	5.0	5.0
Gary	0	2	2.0	2.0	1.0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Idaho	2	0	5.0	11.0	5.5
La Crosse	2	0	4.5	10.5	5.3
Sioux Falls	0	2	3.5	3.5	1.8
Yakima	0	2	3.0	3.0	1.4
Quad City	0	2	4.0	2.0	2.0

Teams receive three points for a win, one point for each quarter won and .5 point for any quarter tied.

Saturday's Games

Idaho 100, Yakima 96
La Crosse 111, Sioux Falls 104, OT
Grand Rapids 95, Gary 70

Sunday's Games

Fort Wayne 108, Quad City 101
Connecticut 87, Rockford 74

Today's Game

La Crosse at Connecticut

High School Scores

Saturday's Games

Boys

Borah 59, Emmett 47
Pomeroy 51, Minico 47
Centennial 53, Nampa 44
Century 71, Blackfoot 55
Coeur d'Alene 51, Post Falls 39
Declo 73, Genesee Ferry 51
Gooding 41, Wendell 38
Hillcrest 62, Bonneville 58
Idaho Falls 74, Madison 65
Malad 70, American Falls 41
Meridian 62, Vallivue 17 OT
Middleton 61, Buhl 58
Parma 44, Nampa Christian 42
Fayette 54, Vale, Ore. 42
Pocatello 71, Jerome 46
Potlatch 77, St. Maries 61
Richfield 51, Raft River 47
Rune 57, Firth 40
Shoshone 48, Kimberly 35
Sho-Ban 67, Clark County 64
Snake River 60, Salmon 58
Twin Falls 51, Highland 46
Valley 85, Grace 62
West Jefferson 66, Butte County 65

Girls

American Falls 37, Buhl 36
Bonners Ferry 42, Kellogg 31
Burley 43, Filer 27
Capital 63, Eagle 47
Garden Valley 44, Meadows Valley 42
Idaho City 64, Greenleaf Friends Academy 33
Mountain Home 48, Nampa 43
Notus 47, Gem State Academy 40
Salmon River 47, Midvale 38
St. Maries 73, Potlatch 24
Timberline 67, Borah 44
Weiser 46, Payette 22

Sunday's Major College Basketball Scores

EAST

Boston College 74, Massachusetts 65
Holy Cross 87, Vermont 73
Marist 71, Norfolk St. 62

SOUTH

Barry 87, Mission Fiola 72
Florida St. 75, Jacksonville 61
North Carolina 95, Buffalo 74
Va. Commonwealth 76, Pittsburgh 73, OT

MIDWEST

DePaul 90, St. Joseph's 76
Illinois St. 95, Texas San Antonio 67
Iowa St. 75, Drake 55
Notre Dame 62, Tennessee Tech 58
S. Illinois 94, Murray St. 74
South Florida 67, N. Arizona 51

SOUTHWEST

SMU 94, Houston 69

FAR WEST

Cal Poly-SLO 95, UC Riverside 72
Montana 66, Whitman 55
W. Washington 85, Henderson St. 82, OT

Sunday's Major Women's Basketball Scores

EAST

Buffalo 55, St. John's 48
Canisius 97, Colgate 84
Cornell 86, St. Bonaventure 74
Delaware 80, American U. 51
Florida St. 73, St. Francis, NY 65
George Washington 100, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 57
Philadelphia 61, St. Thomas Aquinas 57
Rhode Island 74, Kent St. 68

SOUTH

Auburn 106, Puerto Rico Mayaguez 25
Georgia Tech 72, Dartmouth 62
Kentucky 60, Fla. International 58
Middle Tennessee 75, Lipscomb 52
Mississippi 55, N. Arizona 47
Tennessee 63, Stanford 58
Vanderbilt 107, N.C. Asheville 51
Wake Forest 64, New Orleans 52

MIDWEST

Butler 63, W. Illinois 56
Dayton 61, Michigan St. 57
E. Michigan 74, Oakland, Mich. 52
Indiana St. 89, Austin Peay 85, OT
Iowa St. 87, San Francisco 60
Kansas St. 64, Vermont 60, OT
Miami (Ohio) 83, St. Francis, Pa. 76
Missouri 83, Illinois St. 63
Nebraska Wesleyan 78, Whitworth 70
Wis.-Milwaukee 90, Cent. Michigan 48

SOUTHWEST

TCU 67, Stephen F. Austin 56

FAR WEST

Arizona 90, Louisville 60
Florida 79, New Mexico 58
Pepperdine 94, CS Northridge 65
Tulsa 67, Colorado St. 64
UC Santa Barbara 72, Northwestern 57
Washington 73, St. Mary's, Cal. 61
Washington St. 74, Gonzaga 56

TOURNAMENTS

Bearcat Invitational

Third Place

E. Kentucky 92, Radford 79

Third Place

Cincinnati 66, N.C.-Wilmington 63

Coke Classic

First Round

South Alabama 57, East Carolina 56
Southern U. 74, Belmont 60

Lady Blazer Invitational

Third Place

Florida A&M 79, MVSU 65

Mississippi State Classic

Third Place

Louisiana-Lafayette 78, Stony Brook 67

Third Place

Mississippi St. 80, Howard 64

ORU Fun In the Sun Classic

First Round

Duke 83, Arkansas St. 45

UAB Tournament

First Round

UAB 75, Troy St. 54

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

All Times MST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	5	0	.667	296	202
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	398	316
N.Y. Jets	9	6	0	.600	301	287
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	273	327
New England	5	10	0	.333	252	311

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee	12	3	0	.800	315	191
x-Baltimore	11	4	0	.733	290	145
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	297	234
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	342	299
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	178	343
Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	161	419

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	11	4	0	.733	427	290
x-Denver	10	5	0	.667	447	360
Kansas City	7	8	0	.467	342	325
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	297	363
San Diego	1	14	0	.067	248	406

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	300	221
x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238
Washington	7	8	0	.467	261	262
Dallas	5	10	0	.333	294	330
Arizona	3	12	0	.200	207	423

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	4	0	.733	387	340
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	336	217
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	297	284
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	336	309
Chicago	4	11	0	.267	193	335

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	5	0	.667	333	273
St. Louis	9	5	0	.643	479	412
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	301	258
San Francisco	6	9	0	.400	379	384
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	223	400

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 24, Washington 3
Seattle 27, Oakland 24

Sunday's Games

Detroit 10, N.Y. Jets 7
Kansas City 20, Denver 7
Carolina 30, San Diego 22
New Orleans 23, Atlanta 7
New England 13, Buffalo 10, OT
Cincinnati 17, Jacksonville 14
Tennessee 24, Cleveland 0
Green Bay 33, Minnesota 28
San Francisco 17, Chicago 0
Indianapolis 20, Miami 13
Baltimore 13, Arizona 7
N.Y. Giants 17, Dallas 13
Open: Philadelphia

Today's Game

St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 10:30 a.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 2:15 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 6:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Kansas City at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
Arizona at Washington, 11 a.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 11 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
Miami at New England, 11 a.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 2:15 p.m.
Carolina at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
Open: Cleveland

Monday, Dec. 25

Dallas at Tennessee, 7 p.m.

Sunday's NFL Summaries

TITANS 24, BROWNS 0

Tennessee	10	7	0	7	–24
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	–0

First Quarter

Ten–FG Del Greco 33, 10:11.
Ten–George 1 run (Del Greco kick), 5:43.

Second Quarter

Ten–George 2 run (Del Greco kick), 11:42.

Fourth Quarter

Ten–George 35 run (Del Greco kick), 12:51.
A–72,318.

	Ten	Cle
First downs	19	6
Rushes-yards	47-212	17-50
Passing	91	63
Punt Returns	3-24	1-5
Kickoff Returns	1-35	5-83
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-1	13-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	2-12
Punts	4-37.0	7-40.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	3-25	7-66
Time of Possession	38:53	21:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Tennessee, George 34-176, Thomas 11-27, McNair 2-9. Cleveland, Prentice 12-32, Pederson 1-15, White 4-3.

PASSING–Tennessee, McNair 15-18-1-79, O'Donnell 2-2-0-26. Cleveland, Pederson 13-30-0-75.

RECEIVING–Tennessee, Wycheck 3-9, Thigpen 2-27, Sanders 2-13, Neal 2-8, Mason 1-33, Kinney 1-15, George 1-0. Cleveland, Patten 3-26, Prentice 2-13, White 2-12, Shea 2-8, Johnson 2-3, Edwards 1-7, Brown 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–None.

CHIEFS 20, BRONCOS 7

Denver	0	7	0	0	–7
Kansas City	3	0	7	10	–20

First Quarter

KC–FG Peterson 40, 7:29.

Second Quarter

Den–Suttle fumble recovery in end zone (Elam kick), 11:20.

Third Quarter

KC–Moreau 2 run (Peterson kick), 9:23.

Fourth Quarter

KC–Richardson 28 run (Peterson kick), 7:14.
KC–FG Peterson 27, :33.
A–78,406.

	Den	KC
First downs	11	24
Rushes-yards	14-66	41-264
Passing	225	160
Punt Returns	3-24	4-8
Kickoff Returns	5-92	2-43
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-35-0	14-25-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	0-0
Punts	7-41.6	6-44.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	7-51	6-51
Time of Possession	25:26	34:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Denver, Anderson 12-67, Frerotte 2-4. Kansas City, Richardson 23-156, Moreau 14-59, Grbac 3-38, Alexander 1-11.

PASSING–Denver, Frerotte 22-34-0-234, Jackson 0-1-0-0. Kansas City, Grbac 14-28-0-160.

RECEIVING–Denver, McCaffrey 8-84, R.Smith 6-101, Anderson 3-29, Chamberlain 2-16, Cartwell 2-2, Griffith 1-2. Kansas City, Alexander 5-77, Gonzalez 4-46, Richardson 3-13, Morris 2-22.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–Denver, Elam 37 (WR).

LIONS 10, JETS 7

Detroit	0	0	3	7	–10
N.Y. Jets	7	0	0	0	–7

First Quarter

NY–Martin 1 run (Hall kick), 5:43.

Third Quarter

Det–FG Hanson 35, 6:41.

Fourth Quarter

Det–Hartings fumble recovery in end zone (Hanson kick), 5:43.
A–77,513.

	Det	NY
First downs	16	17
Rushes-yards	44-210	18-51
Passing	78	189
Punt Returns	1-15	4-37
Kickoff Returns	3-66	2-30
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-27
Comp-Att-Int	8-18-1	21-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-32	1-5
Punts	7-41.6	7-41.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-25	7-45
Time of Possession	34:18	25:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Detroit, Stewart 37-164, Bates 3-34, Batch 4-12. New York, Martin 16-52, Testaverde 1-0, Sowell 1-(minus 1).

PASSING–Detroit, Batch 8-18-1-110. New York, Testaverde 21-36-1-194.

RECEIVING–Detroit, Morton 2-31, Sloan 2-31, Crowell 2-5, Stewart 1-32, Schlesinger 1-11. New York, Martin 5-57, Anderson 5-22, Ward 4-25, Chrebet 3-43, Sowell 2-20, Hayes 1-22, Becht 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–New York, Hall 47 (WL), Hall 35 (WL).

PACKERS 33, VIKINGS 28

Green Bay	10	10	3	10	–33
Minnesota	7	7	7	7	–28

First Quarter

GB–FG Longwell 34, 7:34.
GB–Freeman 18 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 2:54.
Min–Moss 78 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 1:36.

Second Quarter

GB–Green 6 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 11:51.
GB–FG Longwell 35, 2:41.
Min–Culpepper 3 run (Anderson kick), :20.

Third Quarter

GB–FG Longwell 43, 8:39.
Min–McWilliams 22 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 3:56.

Fourth Quarter

GB–Schroeder 3 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 14:56.
GB–FG Longwell 36, 0:51.
Min–C.Carter 5 pass from Culpepper (Anderson kick), 2:35.
A–64,183.

	GB	Min
First downs	28	19
Rushes-yards	30-159	17-68
Passing	275	332
Punt Returns	2-13	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-59	8-177
Interceptions Ret.	1-47	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	26-36-0	23-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	1-3
Punts	1-53.0	3-48.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-25	8-67
Time of Possession	35:41	24:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Green Bay, Green 25-161, Parker 1-0, Favre 4-(minus 2). Minnesota, Culpepper 7-42, Smith 10-26.

PASSING–Green Bay, Favre 26-33-0-290. Minnesota, Culpepper 23-36-1-335.

RECEIVING–Green Bay, Schroeder 8-78, Freeman 6-97, Henderson 5-27, Green 4-31, T.Davis 1-41, Parker 1-10, Driver 1-6. Minnesota, C.Carter 7-81, Moss 4-136, Walsh 3-44, McWilliams 3-32, Smith 3-16, Kleinsasser 1-15, J.Davis 1-3, Palmer 1-(minus 2).

MISSED FIELD GOALS–None.

SAINTS 23, FALCONS 7

Atlanta	0	0	7	0	–7
New Orleans	0	13	7	3	–23

Second Quarter

NO–FG Brien 20, 14:10.
NO–Knight 31 interception return (Brien kick), 12:30.
NO–FG Brien 48, :00.

Third Quarter

Atl–Vaughn 88 kickoff return (Andersen kick), 14:43.
NO–Allen 2 run (Brien kick), 9:45.

Fourth Quarter

NO–FG Brien 47, 4:54.
A–64,900.

	Atl	NO
First downs	9	19
Rushes-yards	21-64	30-92
Passing	99	281
Punt Returns	2-18	5-5
Kickoff Returns	5-175	2-46
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-31
Comp-Att-Int	9-20-2	24-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-27	1-4
Punts	7-40.1	5-44.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-33	7-50
Time of Possession	25:26	34:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Atlanta, Anderson 18-53, Chandler 2-9, D.Johnson 1-2. New Orleans, Allen 21-82, Brooks 5-7, Gowin 1-5, Morton 1-4, Milne 1-0, Horn 1-(minus 6).

PASSING–Atlanta, Chandler 4-10-1-61, D.Johnson 5-10-1-45. New Orleans, Brooks 24-35-0-285.

RECEIVING–Atlanta, Anderson 3-79, Kozlowski 2-15, Christian 2-8, T.Mathis 1-15, Re.Kelly 1-9. New Orleans, Horn 7-116, W.Jackson 4-47, Poole 3-40, A.Glover 3-29, Morton 3-24, Milne 2-9, Wilson 1-13, Allen 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–None.

PATRIOTS 13, BILLS 10, OT

New England	3	0	0	7	3	–13
Buffalo	0	3	0	7	0	–10

First Quarter

NE–FG Vinatieri 22, :00.

Second Quarter

Buf–FG Christie 25, 6:19.

Fourth Quarter

Buf–S.Jackson 1 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 11:31.
NE–Faulk 13 run (Vinatieri kick), 4:45.

Overtime

NE–FG Vinatieri 24, :19.
A–47,230.

	NE	Buf
First downs	19	19
Rushes-yards	48-189	40-178
Passing	142	180
Punt Returns	5-33	3-10
Kickoff Returns	3-65	3-33
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	13-26-0	16-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-14	4-29
Punts	7-42.3	7-29.1
Fumbles-Lost	5-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	9-75	6-54
Time of Possession	39:38	35:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–New England, Redmond 20-66, Faulk 14-52, Carter 9-34, T.Brown 2-23, Bledsoe 2-14, L.Johnson 1-0. Buffalo, Bryson 19-82, Flutie 9-50, Morris 11-43, A.Smith 1-3.

PASSING–New England, Bledsoe 13-26-0-156. Buffalo, R.Johnson 1-3-0-4, Flutie 15-25-0-193.

RECEIVING–New England, Glenn 6-70, Wiggins 3-42, T.Brown 2-15, Carter 1-21, Faulk 1-8. Buffalo, P.Price 3-68, McDaniel 3-36, Bryson 3-34, Morris 3-11, Moulds 2-26, Riemersma 1-19, S.Jackson 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–New England, Vinatieri 27 (SH). Buffalo, Christie 23 (BK), 30 (DX).

PANTHERS 30, CHARGERS 22

San Diego	2	14	0	6	–22
Carolina	7	0	13	10	–30

First Quarter

Car–Muhammad 11 pass from Beuerlein (Nedney kick), 9:25.
SD–Safety, Beuerlein sacked by Fontenot in end zone, 1:32.

Second Quarter

SD–Fletcher 25 pass from Leaf (Carney kick), 12:45.
SD–Dixon 36 interception return (Carney kick), 7:18.

Third Quarter

Car–Byrd 34 pass from Beuerlein (Nedney kick), 12:46.
SD–Heiden 4 pass from Leaf (run failed), 7:58.
Car–Uwaezuoke 64 punt return (pass failed), 1:52.

Fourth Quarter

Car–FG Nedney 18, 13:40.
Car–Evans 54 return of blocked field goal (Nedney kick), 9:33.
A–42,208.

	SD	Car
First downs	19	13
Rushes-yards	34-100	15-11
Passing	258	158
Punt Returns	1-3	3-93
Kickoff Returns	4-68	4-78
Interceptions Ret.	1-36	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	23-43-1	18-40-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	3-22
Punts	9-38.1	8-38.9
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-95	7-45
Time of Possession	35:08	24:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–San Diego, Fletcher 16-47, Fazande 12-31, Leaf 5-13, Conway 1-9. Carolina, Muhammad 1-8, Beuerlein 4-5, Lewis 1-5, Hoover 4-3, Hetherington 2-1, Biakabutuka 3-(minus 11).

PASSING–San Diego, Leaf 23-43-1-259. Carolina, Beuerlein 12-27-0-139, Lewis 6-13-1-41.

RECEIVING–San Diego, Fletcher 7-66, Conway 5-63, F.Jones 4-43, J.Graham 3-59, McCrary 2-15, Gaylor 1-8, Heiden 1-4. Carolina, Muhammad 8-72, Hayes 3-29, Hetherington 3-21, Mangum 2-24, Byrd 1-34.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–San Diego, Carney 37 (BK).

BENGALS 17, JAGUARS 14

Jacksonville	0	7	7	0	–14
Cincinnati	0	0	7	10	–17

Second Quarter

Jac–J.Smith 3 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), :27.

Third Quarter

Cin–Warrick 82 punt return (Rackers kick), 10:57.
Jac–Taylor 5 run (Hollis kick), 4:57.

Fourth Quarter

Cin–Mitchell 12 run (Rackers kick), 1:15.
Cin–FG Rackers 27, :00.
A–50,469.

	Jac	Cin
First downs	17	15
Rushes-yards	34-114	27-106
Passing	162	157
Punt Returns	2-6	3-87
Kickoff Returns	3-58	2-26
Interceptions Ret.	1-14	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-28-0	10-22-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	4-14
Punts	6-29.8	5-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	6-47	6-40
Time of Possession	37:15	22:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Jacksonville, Taylor 32-110, Brunell 1-2, Stith 1-2. Cincinnati, Dillon 17-76, Bennett 7-14, Mitchell 1-12, Warrick 2-4.

PASSING–Jacksonville, Brunell 19-28-0-170. Cincinnati, Mitchell 10-22-1-171.

RECEIVING–Jacksonville, J.Smith 9-58, McCardell 4-61, Brady 4-38, Taylor 2-13. Cincinnati, Farmer 5-102, Warrick 3-38, N.Williams 2-31.

MISSED FIELD GOAL–Jacksonville, Hollis 28 (SH).

COLTS 20, DOLPHINS 13

Indianapolis	7	10	3	0	–20
Miami	0	3	7	3	–13

First Quarter

Ind–Pollard 50 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 10:11.

Second Quarter

Ind–Manning 4 run (Vanderjagt kick), 12:22.
Mia–FG Mare 25, 1:54.
Ind–FG Vanderjagt 48, :06.

Third Quarter

Ind–FG Vanderjagt 31, 6:46.
Mia–L.Smith 8 run (Mare kick), 2:43.

Fourth Quarter

Mia–FG Mare 31, 3:18.
A–73,864.

	Ind	Mia
First downs	20	14
Rushes-yards	35-132	26-140
Passing	195	132
Punt Returns	3-7	2-2
Kickoff Returns	3-44	3-63
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-28-0	12-26-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-11	4-18
Punts	6-37.3	5-40.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-35	8-45
Time of Possession	33:50	26:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Indianapolis, James 32-112, Manning 3-20. Miami, L.Smith 22-97, Fiedler 1-29, Denson 2-11, J.Johnson 1-3.

PASSING–Indianapolis, Manning 21-28-0-206. Miami, Fiedler 12-25-1-150, L.Smith 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING–Indianapolis, Harrison 6-47, Pollard 5-74, James 5-31, Pathon 3-39, Dilger 2-15. Miami, Martin 4-67, Gadsden 3-43, L.Smith 3-10, Weaver 1-24, Denson 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–None.

49ERS 17, BEARS 0

Chicago	0	0	0	0	–0
San Francisco	7	3	7	0	–17

First Quarter

SF–Clark 1 pass from Garcia (Richey kick), 8:59.

Second Quarter

SF–FG Richey 28, :03.

Third Quarter

SF–Owens 27 pass from Garcia (Richey kick), 7:15.
A–68,306.

	Chi	SF
First downs	8	26
Rushes-yards	18-39	27-78
Passing	65	378
Punt Returns	4-39	6-36
Kickoff Returns	3-44	1-19
Interceptions Ret.	0-00	1-5
Comp-Att-Int	9-29-1	0036-44-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	5-24
Punts	9-43.8	6-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	9-80
Time of Possession	20:52	39:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING–Chicago, Allen 16-31, Booker 1-5, McNown 1-3. San Francisco, Garner 14-43, Garcia 7-16, Beasley 3-9, P.Smith 2-5, Owens 1-5.

PASSING–Chicago, McNown 9-29-1-73. San Francisco, Garcia 36-44-0-402.

RECEIVING–Chicago, Booker 5-47, Kennison 1-10, Bates 1-8, Lyman 1-4, Sinceno 1-4. San Francisco, Owens 20-283, Rice 7-78, Garner 4-18, Clark 3-20, Streets 1-3, Beasley 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–San Francisco, Richey 40 (WL).

RAVENS 13, CARDINALS 7

Baltimore	3	0	10	0	–13
Arizona	0	0	7	0	–7

First Quarter

Bal–FG Stover 42, 7:12.

Third Quarter

Ari–Sanders 27 pass from Plummer (Blanchard kick), 9:41.
Bal–Ja.Lewis 1 run (Stover kick), 6:18.
Bal–FG Stover 42, :21.
A–37,452.

	Bal	Ari
First downs	14	13
Rushes-yards	36-177	23-51
Passing	37	258
Punt Returns	3-56	3-31
Kickoff Returns	2-47	1-88
Interceptions Ret.	2-75	1-3
Comp-Att-Int	12-22-1	23-43-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-33	2-8
Punts	7-36.7	4-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	6-84	3-15
Time of Possession	31:57	28:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

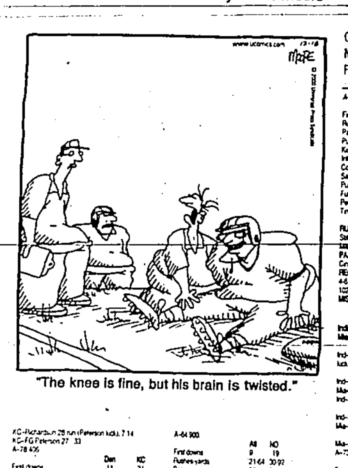
RUSHING–Baltimore, Ja.Lewis 29-126, Holmes 4-28, Dilfer 2-17, Stokley 1-6. Arizona, T.Jones 14-30, Pittman 5-6, Plummer 4-6.

PASSING–Baltimore, Dilfer 12-22-1-70. Arizona, Plummer 23-43-2-266.

RECEIVING–Baltimore, Sharpe 4-37, Ja.Lewis 3-5, P.Johnson 2-27, Coates 2-8, Holmes 1-(minus 7). Arizona, T.Jones 7-41, Boston 5-83, F.Sanders 5-76, Cody 2-31, Hardy 2-18, McKinley 1-1, Pittman 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS–Arizona, Blanchard 46 (SH).

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"The knee is fine, but his brain is twisted."

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

College basketball, Missouri at Indiana	ESPN2	5 p.m.
NFL, Rams at Buccaneers	ABC	7 p.m.
Figure skating, NHK Trophy (tape)	ESPN	7 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

All Times MST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	15	11	5	0	35	102	79
Philadelphia	14	12	6	0	34	87	89
Pittsburgh	14	13	4	1	33	93	95
N.Y. Rangers	15	17	1	0	31	113	120
N.Y. Islanders	9	16	4	2	24	70	93

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	19	8	4	0	42	101	69
Toronto	17	8	4	3	41	110	77
Buffalo	17	10	2	1	37	86	77
Boston	11	15	3	3	28	80	108
Montreal	9	20	4	0	22	79	90

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	13	11	6	1	33	78	77
Carolina	12	13	4	1	29	72	87
Atlanta	11	13	6	1	29	86	101
Tampa Bay	10	18	3	2	25	86	109
Florida	6	14	6	5	23	68	89

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	4	4	0	46	103	56
Detroit	18	11	3	2	41	104	81
Nashville	11	15	6	1	29	71	88
Chicago	11	18	2	2	26	81	101
Columbus	9	20	2	2	22	67	104

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	21	6	5	0	47	100	72
Vancouver	17	9	4	2	40	111	85
Edmonton	16	14	4	0	36	97	93
Calgary	10	14	6	4	30	79	99
Minnesota	9	17	5	2	25	67	79

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	19	6	4	0	42	86	61
Dallas	17	9	4	1	39	84	68
Los Angeles	15	10	7	0	37	110	95
Phoenix	14	8	8	1	37	78	69
Anaheim	13	15	4	3	33	89	105

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Saturday's Games

Buffalo 3, Florida 2
Boston 4, Carolina 1
Washington 4, Edmonton 0
Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 4, tie
Calgary 6, Toronto 5, OT
Ottawa 6, N.Y. Islanders 0
Philadelphia 6, New Jersey 3
Detroit 2, St. Louis 2, tie
Chicago 3, Nashville 0
San Jose 2, Phoenix 1, OT
Vancouver 4, Columbus 3
Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 3

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 6, Dallas 0
Anaheim 3, Tampa Bay 1

Today's Games

San Jose at Washington, 5 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia at Boston, 5 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 5:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's NHL summaries

WILD 6, STARS 0

Dallas	0	0	0	–0
Minnesota	2	2	2	–6

First Period–1, Minnesota, Nielsen 2 (Walz, Carney), 8:12. 2, Minnesota, Gaborik 7 (Berryset, Dowd), 10:00. Penalties–Pellerin, Min (boarding), 1:23; Sydor, Dal (hooking), 2:11; Walz, Min (unsportsmanlike conduct), 2:11; Matvichuk, Dal (holding), 5:37; Langenbrunner, Dal, minor-major (charging, fighting), 10:06; Dowd, Min, major (fighting), 10:06; Hatcher, Dal (boarding), 10:56; Sutton, Min (roughing), 10:56; Matvichuk, Dal (elbowing), 13:08; Bombardir, Min (holding), 17:47.

Second Period–3, Minnesota, Bartos 4, 11:42. 4, Minnesota, Hendrickson 5 (Laaksonen), 13:41. Penalties–Sekeras, Min (slashing), 2:22; Walz, Min (cross-checking), 3:14; Kuba, Min (holding), 5:57; Sutton, Min (roughing), 18:51.

Third Period–5, Minnesota, Sekeras 7 (Gaborik, Roesh), 12:20. 6, Minnesota, Hendrickson 6 (O'Donnell, Nielsen), 15:43. Penalties–Nieuwendyk, Dal (high-sticking), 2:21; Helenius, Dal (slashing), 10:02; Helenius, Dal (high-sticking), 13:19.

Shots on goal–Dallas 4-13-7–24. Minnesota 7-10-11–28.

Power-play Opportunities–Dallas 0 of 6; Minnesota 0 of 6.

Goalies–Dallas, Belfour 14-8-4 (28 shots-22 saves). Minnesota, Fernandez 8-7-2 (24-24).

A–18,834 (18,064).

Referees–Conrad Hache, Don Koharski. Linesmen–Troy Sarteon, Lyle Seitz.

MIGHTY DUCKS 3, LIGHTNING 1

Tampa Bay	1	0	0	–1
Anaheim	0	2	1	–3

First Period–1, Tampa Bay, Richards 10 (Galanov, Zyuzin), 17:33. Penalties–Marshall, Ana (slashing), 11:19; Vishnevski, Ana (cross-checking), 13:20.

Second Period–2, Anaheim, Tverdovsky 6 (Hrkac, Karpa), 1:55 (pp). 3, Anaheim, McInnis 11 (Trnka, Cullen), 2:33. Penalties–Galanov, TB (holding), :53; Freadrich, TB (holding), 2:41; Selanne, Ana (interference), 3:16; Richards, TB (roughing), 13:07; Vishnevski, Ana (high sticking), 13:07; Cullen, Ana (slashing), 13:35.

Third Period–4, Anaheim, Hrkac 6, 19:39 (en). Penalties–LeClerc, Ana (cross-checking), 1:09; Havelid, Ana (elbowing), 1:52.

Shots on goal–Tampa Bay 12-8-6–26. Anaheim 7-15-5–27.

Power-play Opportunities–Tampa Bay 0 of 6; Anaheim 1 of 2.

Goalies–Tampa Bay, Clouser 2-7-2 (26 shots-24 saves). Anaheim, Hebert 12-12-2 (26-25).

A–11,207 (17,174).

Referees–Greg Kimmerly, Dennis Larue. Linesmen–Wayne Bonney, Don Henderson.

Saturday's Late NHL Summaries

SHARKS 2, COYOTES 1, OT

San Jose	1	0	0	1	–2
Phoenix	0	1	0	0	–1

First Period–1, San Jose, Sundstrom 3 (Sturm), 9:36.

Second Period–2, Phoenix, Lemieux 3 (Numminen, Tkachuk), 16:30 (pp).

Third Period–None.

Overtime–3, San Jose, Suter 4 (Sturm, Stuart), 1:53.

Shots on goal–San Jose 5-6-7-1–19. Phoenix 8-8-11-1–28.

Goalies–San Jose, Nabokov. Phoenix, Burke.

A–14,573 (16,210).

CANUCKS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3

Columbus	2	1	0	–3
Vancouver	3	1	0	–4

First Period–1, Columbus, Gardner 2 (Pushor, Aubin), 5:03. 2, Columbus, Nielsen 1 (Vyborny, Aubin), 8:18. 3, Vancouver, Cooke 9 (Ohlund, Morrison), 9:34. 4, Vancouver, Cooke 10 (Morrison, Brashear), 12:08. 5, Vancouver, Ohlund 3 (Cassels, Morrison), 19:57 (sh).

Second Period–6, Columbus, Heward 4 (Knutsen), 14:57 (pp). 7, Vancouver, Bertuzzi 10 (Morrison, Cassels), 17:16 (pp).

Third Period–None.

Shots on goal–Columbus 9-9-9–27. Vancouver 9-12-5–26.

Goalies–Columbus, Tugnutt. Vancouver, Potvin.

A–15,297 (18,422).

LIGHTNING 4, KINGS 3

Tampa Bay	1	3	0	–4
Los Angeles	0	1	2	–3

First Period–1, Tampa Bay, Modin 15 (Kharitonov, Richards), 4:40.

Second Period–2, Tampa Bay, Modin 16 (Richards), :57. 3, Los Angeles, Smolinski 8 (Rangrecht), 4:12 (sh). 4, Tampa Bay, Richards 9 (St. Louis, R.Johnson), 6:05. 5, Tampa Bay, St. Louis (Cullimore, Lecavalier), 7:10.

Third Period–6, Los Angeles, Robitaille 17 (Smolinski, Schneider), 18:19 (pp). 7, Los Angeles, Robitaille 18 (R.Blake, Schneider), 19:27.

Shots on goal–Tampa Bay 3-13-8–24. Los Angeles 12-11-18–41.

Goalies–Tampa Bay, Weekes. Los Angeles, Fiset, Storr. A–15,376 (18,118).

WCHL Standings

Northern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Idaho	18	4	2	40	101	67
Colorado	12	10	5	29	89	95
Tacoma	12	8	2	26	87	82
Anchorage	7	18	1	15	85	115

Southern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	19	7	1	39	122	71
Long Beach	15	6	5	35	90	75
Fresno	14	5	5	33	81	69
Bakersfield	9	14	2	20	74	99
Phoenix	8	14	1	17	68	91

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Saturday's Games

Long Beach 5, Anchorage 3
San Diego 4, Oklahoma City (CHL) 3, SO
Tacoma 4, Idaho 3, SO
Bakersfield 6, Phoenix 3
Colorado 4, Topeka (CHL) 1

Sunday's Games

Long Beach at Anchorage, late
Tacoma at Phoenix, late

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Tacoma at Phoenix

SKIING

Ski Report

Bogus Basin – 5:42a cldy 1 new packed powder 30 - 32 base 6 of 8 lifts, 85% open 9a-4:30p
Brundage – 5:00a 4 new powder 27 - 35 base 100% open, 9:30a-4:30p
Lookout Pass – 5a mus 23 degrees 6 new powder 37 - 56 base 16 of 16 trails, 2 of 2 lifts, 100% open, 9a-4p, Daily thru Jan 1
Schweitzer Mountain – 9:00a partly cloudy 25 degrees 6 new packed powder 32 - 39 base 25 of 58 trails, 1200 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, 9a-3:50p
Silver Mountain – Reopen on 12/18, Call 800-204-6428
Sun Valley – 7:45a snowfinest new powder 26 - 54 base 12 of 19 lifts, 50% open, 9a-4p

Women's World Cup

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland (AP) – Results Sunday of a women's World Cup downhill:

1. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 1:36.40
2. Isolde Kostner, Italy, 1:36.59
3. Regine Cavagnoud, France, 1:37.13
4. Brigitte Obermoser, Austria, 1:37.27
5. Carole Montillet, France, 1:37.32
6. Tanja Schneider, Austria, 1:37.55
7. Corinne Rey Bellet, Switzerland, 1:37.61
8. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 1:37.67
9. Melanie Turgeon, Canada, 1:37.68
10. Ingeborg Helen Marken, Norway, 1:37.97

Also

11. Jonna Mendes, United States, 1:38.01
13. Kirsten Clark, United States, 1:38.09
17. Alison Powers, United States, 1:38.30
(tie) Megan Gerety, United States, 1:38.30
30. Caroline Lalive, United States, 1:39.25
48. Picabo Street, United States, 1:38.98

Overall World Cup Standings

(After 14 events)

1. Martina Ertl, Germany, 560 points
2. Regine Cavagnoud, France, 509
3. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 478
4. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 439
5. Isolde Kostner, Italy, 410
6. Janica Kostelic, Croatia, 393
7. Brigitte Obermoser, Austria, 361
8. Corinne Rey Bellet, Switzerland, 320
9. Carole Montillet, France, 301
10. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 290

Other North Americans

84. Picabo Street, United States, 7.

World Cup Downhill Standings

1. Isolde Kostner, Italy, 296 points
2. Renate Goetschl, Austria, 253
3. Brigitte Obermoser, Austria, 211
4. Carole Montillet, France, 170
(tie) Regine Cavagnoud, France, 170

Also

42. Picabo Street, United States, 7.

Men's World Cup

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) – Results Sunday of a men's World Cup giant slalom (run times in parentheses):

1. Michael Von Gruenigen, Switzerland, 2 minutes, 31.33 seconds (1:14.95-1:16.38)
2. Heinz Schilchegger, Austria, 2:31.92 (1:14.68-1:17.24)
3. Bode Miller, United States, 2:31.98 (1:16.09-1:15.89)
4. Frederic Covili, France, 2:32.35 (1:15.50-1:16.85)
5. Andreas Schifferer, Austria, 2:32.37 (1:15.30-1:17.07)
6. Massimiliano Blardone, Italy, 2:32.40 (1:15.53-1:16.87)
7. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 2:32.45 (1:15.90-1:16.55)
8. Erik Schlopy, United States, 2:32.64 (1:15.57-1:17.07)
9. Marco Buechel, Liechtenstein, 2:32.69 (1:15.45-1:17.24)
10. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 2:32.77 (1:15.80-1:16.94)

Overall World Cup Standings

(After 12 Races)

1. Hermann Maier, Austria, 631 points
2. Stephan Eberharter, Austria, 409
(tie) Lasse Kjus, Norway, 409
4. Michael Von Gruenigen, Switzerland, 342
5. Andreas Schifferer, Austria, 333

Discipline Standings

(After 4 Races)

1. Michael Von Gruenigen, Switzerland, 300
2. Hermann Maier, Austria, 260
3. Heinz Schilchegger, Austria, 212
4. Andreas Schifferer, Austria, 145
5. Fredrik Nyberg, Sweden, 140

TENNIS

World Doubles Results

BANGALORE, India (AP) – Results Sunday of the $750,000 ATP Tour World Doubles Championship.

Championship

Donald Johnson, United States, and Piet Norval, South Africa, def. Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi, India, 7-6 (8), 6-3, 6-4.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

MILWAUKEE BREWERS–Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff D'Amico on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS–Placed F Carlos Rogers on the injured list. Activated C Kelvin Cato from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS–Agreed to terms with Carl Peterson, president, general manager and CEO, on a five-year contract.

Extreme Football League

LOS ANGELES XTREME–Signed RB George Jones and DT Bruce Walker.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL–Suspended Pittsburgh G Garth Snow two games for punching Florida LW Peter Worrell in a game on Dec. 15.

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS–Recalled C Marc Chouinard from Cincinnati of the AHL.

BUFFALO SABRES–Activated C Doug Gilmour from injured reserve.

CALGARY FLAMES–Recalled C Daniel Tkaczuk from Saint John of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS–Assigned G Sascha Goc to Albany of the AHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS–Recalled C Matt Herr from Portland of the AHL. Reassigned D Rob Zettler to Portland.

COLLEGE

CLEMSON–Suspended G Will Solomon from the Dec. 18 men's basketball game against Wofford for behavior in practice detrimental to the team.

IOWA STATE–Announced sophomore G Brandon Hawkins has left the men's basketball team.

Saints edge closer to NFL paydirt

The Associated Press

The New Orleans Saints were lucky – they didn't have to deal with bad weather on a day when snow, rain and frosty weather were the NFL's big winners.

Playing inside the Superdome, the Saints moved to the brink of clinching their first playoff spot since 1992 with a 23-7 victory Sunday over the Atlanta Falcons.

Only a tie in tonight's game between St. Louis and Tampa Bay – there has not been a tie in the NFL since 1997 – can prevent the Saints from reaching postseason play.

"I don't know of too many teams that go 3-13, then have won 10 games to this point this season," Saints coach Jim Haslett said. "The way these guys have stuck together and really become a family. The way they feed off one another, that's the biggest thing I'm proud of."

The New York Jets, meanwhile, missed a chance to clinch a playoff berth for the second straight week.

Detroit guard Jeff Hartings recovered James Stewart's fumble in the end zone with 5:43 left, lifting the Lions over the Jets 10-7.

Hartings tried to celebrate the first TD of his five-year career, but got bogged down in the muck and mire at the Meadowlands.

In many places, brutal weather ruled.

At Cincinnati, the wind chill factor was 20 degrees below zero and the field was so blanketed by snow that the officials had the Bengals' grounds crew paint orange sidelines and goal lines.

At Cleveland, snow covered the field and players on both sidelines crowded around space heaters to ward off a wind chill factor of minus-10.

And in Buffalo, the driving snow that made it tough to play football also shut the airport, stranding the New England Patriots after their 13-10 overtime win.

49ers 17, Bears 0

After Jerry Rice's daughter sang the national anthem, the NFL's most prolific pass catcher made a 25-yard reception on San Francisco's first play.

With video tributes on the scoreboard all day, Rice finished with seven catches for 74 yards. The crowd saluted him throughout the game with chants of "Jerry! Jerry!" and he took a victory lap after it was over.

Rice, 38, has said he is not ready for retirement, but the 49ers (6-9) probably cannot afford his salary.

Owens caught a 27-yard TD pass from Jeff Garcia. Chicago fell to 4-11.

NFL

Ravens 13, Cardinals 7

Jamie Sharper's interception set up Baltimore's only touchdown as the playoff-bound Ravens once again relied on defense to win.

The Ravens (11-4) were outgained 309-214 at Arizona, yet still won their sixth in a row.

The Cardinals (3-12) got inside Baltimore's 30 five times without scoring. The Ravens, trying to tie the NFL record of five shutouts in a season, gave up Jake Plummer's 26-yard TD pass to Frank Sanders in the middle of the third quarter.

Lions 10, Jets 7

Stewart ran for a career-best 164 yards and Detroit kept alive its playoff hopes.

The Lions (9-6) need to beat Chicago next week and get help to reach the postseason.

John Hall of the Jets missed a 35-yard field goal try with nine seconds left. New York (9-6) must win at Baltimore next week or get lots of help to make the playoffs.

Titans 24, Browns 0

Tennessee moved closer to clinching home-field advantage throughout the playoffs as Eddie George ran for 176 yards and three touchdowns at Cleveland.

The defending AFC champion Titans (12-3) posted their first shutout in seven seasons, when the team was located in Houston. Jeff Fisher's 60th victory made him the winningest coach in franchise history, passing Bum Phillips' 59 with the Oilers.

The Browns (3-13) lost their fifth in a row to finish off their second season back in the NFL.

Chiefs 20, Broncos 7

Tony Richardson ran for 156 yards, the most by a Kansas City back in a decade, and the Chiefs stopped Denver's six-game winning streak.

The loss at chilly Arrowhead Stadium cost the Broncos (10-5) a chance to tie Oakland for the AFC West lead. Kansas City (7-8) swept the season series for the second straight year.

Richardson, playing on his 29th birthday, posted the biggest rushing day for the Chiefs since Barry Word ran for 200 yards in 1990.

Packers 33, Vikings 28

Brett Favre threw three touchdown passes and Ahman Green ran for a career-high 161 yards as Green Bay stopped Minnesota's 13-game home winning streak.



AP photo

New Orleans wide receiver Joe Hom is all smiles after a pass completion during their game with the Atlanta Falcons Sunday. Hom set a new Saints single season pass reception record during the game.

The Vikings (11-4) could have clinched home-field advantage with a victory.

Ryan Longwell kicked four field goals for the Packers (8-7), who must beat Tampa Bay next Sunday at Lambeau Field to have a chance at reaching the playoffs.

Bengals 17, Jaguars 14

Rookie Neil Rackers kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired, lifting Cincinnati over visiting Jacksonville.

Danny Farmer, a Los Angeles native playing for the first time in the snow, caught passes of 38, 22 and 19 yards as the Bengals (4-11) drove toward a tying touchdown with 3:22 left.

Fred Taylor ran for 110 yards, his ninth straight 100-yard game for the Jaguars (7-8).

Patriots 13, Bills 10, OT

Adam Vinatieri redeemed himself by making a 24-yard field goal with 19 seconds left in overtime for New England.

Vinatieri had missed seven of his 11 previous field-goal tries at Buffalo, including a 27-yarder at the end of regulation.

The Bills had a chance to win with six minutes left in overtime, but Steve Christie's 30-yard field goal attempt was blocked.

Buffalo (7-8) has lost four in a row for the first time since dropping six straight in 1985. The Bills won in overtime at New England (5-10) last month.

Panthers 30, Chargers 22

Iheanyi Uwaezuoke scored on a 64-yard punt return and Doug Evans returned a blocked field goal 54 yards for another touchdown as Carolina beat San Diego.

The visiting Chargers (1-14) clinched the worst record in the league and top pick in the draft. The Panthers (7-8) overcame a 22-14 deficit late in the third quarter.

Giants 17, Cowboys 13

IRVING, Texas – Although they didn't always look the part, the New York Giants are NFC East champions, with a chance for home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

New York played an inept first half and started the third quarter even worse before getting in gear, scoring the last 17 points in the final 18 minutes.

Kerry Collins threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer, and an interception by Emmanuel McDaniel set up an 8-yard TD run by Tiki Barber as the Giants beat the Dallas Cowboys 17-13 Sunday night.

The Giants (11-4) won for the fourth straight time since coach Jim Fassel guaranteed they were going to the playoffs. This victory sealed their first berth since 1997 and their first division title since then.

Sports in Brief

Idaho posts fewest points since 1950-51

BOZEMAN, Mont. – Just when it seemed as if things couldn't get any worse for the Idaho men's basketball team, the Vandals (2-7) ended a disastrous road trip to Montana with a 68-31 loss to Montana State University (6-4) late Saturday.

Idaho's 31 points were the fewest by a Vandal team since a 29-point outing against Oregon State in the 1950-51 season. Leading Idaho with six points apiece were Matt Gerschefske, Bret Wise and Eric Collier.

The meager 31 points came on a lowly 23.1 percent (12-of-52) effort from the field, which included an icy 14.3 percent (2-of-14) from 3-point range.

Montana State was led by Justin Brown's 14 points and 13 apiece from Aaron Rich and Pete Conway.

The Vandals host the Bobcats Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome.

IOC files yield attacks on rival Japan

SALT LAKE CITY – An IOC member encouraged Salt Lake to run a clandestine campaign to discredit its Japanese rival for the 1998 Winter Games, according to confidential bid files released over the weekend.

In March 1990, Alex Gilady, the International Olympic Committee delegate from Israel, advised Salt Lake to "get good facts about Japan, not just rumors" and use the information to undermine Nagano's bid.

The unsigned notes from a meeting with Gilady say the delegate suggested "we should start a rumor that the biggest asset of holding the games in Nagano would be the money to the IOC ... "

The memo wasn't clear on whether that referred to legitimate TV or sponsor revenues or payoffs to IOC members. Another memo to emerge from 10,000 pages of bid files suggested Japan was paying IOC members for their votes when Nagano won the 1998 Games by just four votes.

That was denied by Tetsuo Oyama, director of the international division of the Japanese Olympic Committee.

Nicklaus, Watson defend match play title

NEWPORT COAST, Calif. – Defending champions Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson defeated Bruce Fleisher and David Graham 4 and 2 Sunday to win the Senior PGA Hyundai Team Matches.

In PGA match play, Duffy Waldorf sank a 5-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a playoff to lift him and partner Tom Lehman to a 1-up victory over defending champions Fred Couples and Mark Calcavecchia.

On the LPGA side, Dottie Pepper sank an 8-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a playoff to give her and partner Juli Inkster their fourth consecutive match play championship win over five years. The duo defeated Annika Sorenstam and Lorie Kane.

Nicklaus and Watson are unbeaten in eight team matches together, including four times in Ryder Cup competition. They carded eight birdies and will share the $200,000 first prize. Fleisher and Graham will share $100,000.

Johnson-Norval win world doubles title

BANGALORE, India – Donald Johnson of the United States and Piet Norval of South Africa are the world doubles champions.

Johnson and Norval survived a marathon first set and beat Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi of India 7-6 (8), 6-3, 6-4 to win the World Doubles Championship Sunday. Norval and Johnson had lost to the Indian pair in the round-robin segment.

The win was worth $150,000 to the duo.

Wild blank punchless Stars 6-0

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Manny Fernandez made 24 saves to shut out his former team and the expansion Minnesota Wild beat the Dallas Stars 6-0 Sunday for their most lopsided victory.

Darby Hendrickson scored twice for the Wild.

Jeff Nielsen and Ladislav Benysek scored in a 48-second span in the first period, and Peter Bartos and Lubomir Sekeras added goals for the Wild.

Grizzlies whip Division III Whitman 86-55

MISSOULA, Mont. – Dan Trammel had 16 points and six rebounds Sunday to lead Montana to a 86-55 victory over Division III Whitman.

The Grizzlies (5-5) made a school record 12 3-pointers, including three each from Deldre Carr and Shane Christensen, who scored all 11 of his points in the first half. Whitman (1-6) made just 4-of-23 shots from 3-point range.

Peter Rutledge had 13 points for Whitman, followed by Mark Bouma with 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Rob Bell with 10 points.

Mighty Ducks ice Lightning 3-1

ANAHEIM, Calif. – Oleg Tverdovsky and Marty McInnis scored 38 seconds apart lead Anaheim to its season-high third straight victory.

The Mighty Ducks are 2-0 since Guy Charron replaced Craig Hartsburg as their coach.

With Anaheim trailing 1-0, Tverdovsky took a feed from Tony Hrkac behind the Tampa net and lofted the puck over Lightning goaltender Dan Cloutier for a power play goal 1:55 into the period. McInnis then swatted in a rebound of Pavel Trnka's shot.

The Lightning went ahead 1-0 at 17:39 of the first period on the 10th goal of the year by center Brad Richards, the league's top-scoring rookie.

Hrkac added an unassisted empty net goal with 20 seconds to play.

Compiled from wire reports

Hoops

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points as seventh-ranked Duke (10-1) routed Arkansas State 69-45 at the Fun in the Sun Tournament.

No. 9 Auburn 106, Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 25

CAROLINA, Puerto Rico – Auburn's Joe Ciampi became the 13th women's basketball coach to win 500 games at one school as Lory Neno scored 22 points to lead the ninth-ranked Tigers past Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 106-25 Sunday.

Auburn (10-0) shut down the Janes with its tough matchup zone defense, limiting them to only 16 field-goal attempts in the first half en route to a 61-14 halftime lead.

No. 17 Florida 79, New Mexico 58

MIAMI – Brandi McCain scored 21 points, and one of her five 3-pointers started a 25-4 run early in the second half for Florida (8-0).

Florida's Tombi Bell and Sherisha Hills each added 11 points.

Jennifer Williams scored 13 points for New Mexico (5-4).

No. 22 Mississippi State 80, Howard 64

STARKVILLE, Miss. – LaToya Thomas had 34 points and 19 rebounds as Mississippi State improved to 6-2.

Thomas went 14-for-21 on field-goal attempts and 6-for-7 from the free-throw line for the Lady Bulldogs. Jessica Carter added 23 points, and Jennifer Fambrough had 15 points and seven rebounds.

No. 24 Vanderbilt 107, NC Asheville 51

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Chantelle Anderson scored 27 points, including a layup just over four minutes into the game that gave Vanderbilt a lead it would never relinquish.

Jenni Benningfield scored 20 points for the Commodores (7-2), Zuzana Klimesova 18, and Jillian Danker 15.

Jessica Guarneri led North Carolina-Asheville (10-5) with 14 points.

Men's Games

No. 15 No. Carolina 95, Buffalo 74

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Joseph Forte had 23 points and Kris Lang matched his career high with 22 as No. 15 North Carolina beat Buffalo 95-74 Sunday.

Jason Capel had 16 points, 11 rebounds and a career-high 10 assists for the second triple-double in North Carolina history. Brendan Haywood registered the first Dec. 4 against Miami.

The Tar Heels (6-2) shot a season-high 58 percent.

No. 21 Notre Dame 82, Tennessee Tech 68

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Notre Dame made 13 of its first 17 shots in the second half, sparking a 35-9 run that helped end the team's two-game losing streak.

David Graves scored 20 points and Matt Carroll 16 as the Irish (5-2) rebounded from losses to Indiana and Miami of Ohio.

Rangers

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also gets to hit. Mike Mussina and Kevin Appier never showed interest in Texas.

"We made a legitimate effort to upgrade our pitching. It didn't work out," manager Johnny Oates said. "There is not a whole lot of pitching out there. In getting a return for the money, I'll take a guy who can play 162 games a year over a guy who can pitch 32."

Oates contends that the pitching will be better because the offense and defense will be improved.

Rodriguez, who signed a record-shattering $252 million, 10-year contract, is a four-time All-Star shortstop. Caminiti ($3.25 million) is a three-time Gold Glove winner at third base, where rookie Mike Lamb tied for an AL-worst 33 errors last season for the Rangers.

Randy Velarde, a standout defensive second baseman, was acquired in a November trade with Oakland. And the Rangers will have back All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez (.347, 27 homers, 83 RBIs in 91 games) and centerfielder Ruben Mateo (.291-7-19 in 52 games), who both missed the second half of last season with injuries.

The rest of the everyday lineup also includes Rafael Palmeiro (.288-39-120), Rusty Greer (.297-8-65) and Gabe Kapler (.302-14-66).

"Our run production and defense will be better, and that will make our pitchers better," said left-hander Kenny Rogers (13-13, 4.55 ERA last season).

Rogers and Rick Helling (16-13, 4.48) were the only two pitchers who remained in the Rangers rotation the entire 2000 season.

Instead of another full season in the minors as expected, both Ryan Glynn (5-7, 5.58) and Doug Davis (7-6, 5.38) spent most of last season in the majors and will have a chance to remain in the rotation in 2001.

The expected fifth starter is veteran lefty Darren Oliver, who won just two of 21 starts last season and missed several weeks with what was diagnosed as a tired arm.

Texas is still waiting on left-hander Justin Thompson, a former All-Star the Rangers got in the nine-player trade last offseason that sent two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez to Detroit. Thompson missed all of last season after shoulder surgery and isn't likely to be ready at the start of 2001.

The Rangers have made some pitching moves. They signed free agent right-hander Mark Petkovsek for help in middle relief, and traded shortstop Royce Clayton to the Chicago White Sox for pitchers Aaron Myette, a legitimate prospect, and Brian Schmack. The Rangers then traded Matt Perisho (2-7, 7.37) to Detroit in exchange for minor league pitchers Kevin Mobley and Brandon Villafuerte.

The Rangers are planning to meet this week with free agent David Cone, who was 4-14 with a 6.91 ERA with the Yankees last season.

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OTHER VIEWS

Don't blame the court for untidy outcome

From the Chicago Tribune

The U.S. Supreme Court has no army, no secret police, not even a decent propaganda wing. It draws its power from the respect of ordinary Americans – and, like the Vatican, from a cerebral sort of intrigue as well.

This week there's no denying that the respect is under siege, and that the intrigue has been scraped bare for all to see. Since they sent up their own puff of white smoke, in the form of bitterly divided opinions that ended the presidential race, the justices have been criticized everywhere from the streets of Tallahassee (always good to see you, Rev. Jackson) to editorial pages (the nine justices "missed the chance to reach an enlightened compromise," *sniffed The New York Times*).

The criticisms should not be lightly dismissed. The high court might well have found a better way to deal with the muddle in Florida. The irony, though, is that the critics are speaking from the kind of leisurely ivory tower usually occupied by the court. Yes, the justices hurriedly weaved and wiggled to accomplish what they did. But, unlike most cases they hear, they weren't operating in a relative vacuum. A presidential election was on the line. They were in the unenviable position of having to adjudicate constitutional law on the fly.

That time pressure led the majority justices to do something as uncomfortable as it was necessary: They ruled that preserving basic rules of fairness is the most important consideration. That's a painfully tough principle to maintain when supporters of Al Gore are convinced that the ball game was about to swing their way. But the court majority said what it had to: The running score that has both sides so obsessed is bogus, because it's being tallied on a faulty scoreboard.

That's crucial. While only five justices joined in the main opinion, two others also were disturbed by the way that hand recounting – devoid of any uniform standards – was trampling the rights of Floridians. Counting dimples as votes in one county but not in another violates the constitutional notion of equal protection. It also offends any sense of fair play.

Someone had to stop that unfairness, lest the numbers on the faulty scoreboard start to look real. The logical candidate, the Florida Supreme Court, hadn't bothered to step in, oblivious as it was to politically tainted recounts right under its nose. Yes, as of Tuesday night there may still have been time to "count every ballot" before the Electoral College votes on Dec. 18. But there was not time for the far more difficult job of developing uniform standards for the recount. Nor was there time to subject those standards to scrutiny, and to the inevitable appeals, in each court up and down the line. ...

Forced by the clock to choose between principle and expediency, the court majority put elemental fairness ahead of tainted recounts. The decision fully satisfies no one. But it was, and is, correct.

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LETTER

Don't discriminate against kids

My daughter told me that she was pulled out of her class at Wendell High School by the school police officer. He stated he wanted to search her backpack. The reason for the search he said was because there was a still-smoking cigarette butt by her car. She permitted him to search her backpack. Nothing was found. He also asked if he was to search her car, would he find any drugs or cigarettes. She told him no; he wouldn't find either. He decided not to search her car. He told my daughter that the police have been videotaping, as it put it to my daughter, "the stoners and the druggies" in the school parking lot.

I do not think that this is kind of treatment is fair. I want to know if the entire parking lot is being taped or is it just a few groups of kids?

I realize that schools do have problems with drugs, and I'm not against the police for doing their jobs. I'm just asking that they not single out a group or two of kids simply because their pants are baggy or their hair is a different color or they ride skateboards or that fact that their hair is cut differently or not cut at all.

I have met some of my daughter's friends she hangs around with and they are nice kids. They may not be the star football players or the popular cheerleaders, but so what?

I would also like to ask to be notified of any further searches of my daughter on school property.

One more thing. I would like to know what has happened to the school being closed campus at lunch time. I work in Wendell, so I see kids driving around town, in at the local grocery story, at Maverick during this close campus lunch time How about enforcing this at lunch time or will it interfere with the videotaping?

Please do not judge these kids simply because of how they look, the way that they wear clothes or their background. All I ask is that all the kids at Wendell High School be treated fairly.

To the policeman who called my daughter's friends "stoners and druggies": You are there to be looked up to and to set an example. Well, I sure hope that this is one example my daughter does not follow!

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Tourism's dark side preys on children

LAURENCE GRAY

There is growing interest in Cambodia as a vacation destination, but Cambodia also is a destination for tens of thousands of men from around the world seeking sex with children. When delegates to the World Tourism Organization conference recently met in Phnom Penh, they should find ways to help protect children from tourism's dark side.

An estimated 1 million children are believed to enter the multibillion-dollar illegal sex market each year, according to statistics from an international gathering of child activists, including the United Nations, in 1996. Once children are coerced into "the oldest profession," they are exploited, abused and put at great risk of contracting HIV.

While organized sex tours have been driven underground, the Internet now serves as an international network for men seeking easy access to children overseas. Even when developing countries such as Thailand make progress in reducing sex tourism, opportunistic men simply travel to poorer, less-developed neighboring countries.

As one of the world's 20 poorest countries, Cambodia is ripe for such exploitation. Its 10 million people have an average income of only $300 annually. Its social, political and legal institutions still are recovering from the brutal legacy of the Khmer Rouge, which was responsible for the deaths of one-quarter of the country's population between 1975 and 1979. Access to health care and education is very limited. Young girls are especially prone to drop out of school to help support their families.

At the same time, tourism is on the rise. The number of American tourists nearly doubled from 1998 to 1999, with more than 30,000 U.S. citizens visiting Cambodia in 1999. Most visitors come to Cambodia for the rich heritage and natural beauty exemplified by Angkor Wat, the largest religious structure in the ancient world. The Cambodian government, which considers tourism to be a valuable part of its economic future, expects the number of foreign visitors to triple over the next three years.

Unfortunately, sex tourism also is on the rise in Cambodia. One-third of all sex workers in the country are estimated to be children, mostly ages 12 to 17, but some even younger.

Like many 15-year-olds, Lee was "sold" by her aunt to a 50-year-old American tourist who paid $400 to spend four days with the virgin. Later, Lee was forced to sleep with a 25-year-old Japanese man, who paid $50 for her services, followed by a Chinese man who paid $30. A 40-year-old Frenchman took her to his rented house for a month. When he moved on, she went to a "club" to wait for other clients.

While Lee likely will always bear psychological and probably physical scars, her story has a better ending than most: She was freed in a police raid and is receiving care to help rebuild her life.

Thousands of other girls and boys will not be so fortunate. Their "careers" on the streets of Phnom Penh will lead from HIV infection to AIDS to premature death.

Delegates to the World Tourism Organization, which is on record opposing child sex tourism, should join forces with the Cambodian government and other nongovernmental organizations in supporting stiffer regulations of Cambodian hotels, 60 percent of which have no policies prohibiting guests from bringing unrelated children to their rooms. Some of the country's thousands of hotel rooms are licensed through international hotel chains, which must begin to exercise greater oversight of hotels bearing their names.

Moreover, the United States can help through more vigorous enforcement of a 1994 federal law establishing fines and/or imprisonment of up to 10 years for anyone convicted of traveling abroad with the intent to engage in sex with minors. A former college professor was sentenced last year to 105 years in prison for charges in relation to the abuse of a Honduran teenager.

Unless and until governments work together to put added pressure on the tourism profession, far too many Lees will continue to face the prospect of rising each day only to await their next "client" in the world's oldest and cruelest exploitation of children.

Laurence Gray directs child protection programs in Cambodia for World Vision, an international humanitarian organization.

LETTERS

Editorials degrade land policies

Bush is Right Man for the West? Whoa!

I particularly take issue with your visions of the future as related in the Dec. 14, editorial. It seems you are celebrating a potential "new era of individualism and personal responsibility" wherein the "culture of entitlement and victimization" will fade like a sunset, and the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will be swept clean of foolish people who can spell environment.

I assume your attack against these two public land agencies stems from your support of public land ranching. Does your vision then stop the $108 million (last year) entitlement of taxpayer subsidies to the public land grazers? And will we no longer be victims of ravaged watersheds and polluted water? You are obviously overjoyed to accept the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that made George W. president-elect. That same court has ruled three times that grazing on national forest land is a privilege, not a right. How about accepting at least one of those rulings?

Your editorials over the years continue to degrade public land policies and the land managers who try to balance land uses. In particular, you have been against changes to livestock grazing. Yet you support the idea of the city of Twin Falls spending who knows how many dollars in an attempt to restore the water table by flooding a few precious acres near a well source. What a misguided effort that is!

While you malign ecological responsibility, our water tables are dropping as they have all over the country. In reality, you should support the ideology of watershed restoration and the agencies that try to uphold environmental integrity. You would, however, view this as "rampant environmentalism" and "a contradiction to traditional American values."

And can you make up your mind? Should George W. govern through unity and cooperation or dance only with those "who brung him"?

RAY NEIWERT
Twin Falls

Thanks, T-N, 'r shocking us

I was deeply . dened by the article and picture of the unfortunate dog on his way to be put to sleep. However, my concern lies in the mentality that those of us who haven't opted to take on the task of killing the many excess pets at the Humane Society deserve to live in some type of sterile environment.

Should we not even have to look at the unpleasantness that Ms. Simonds and her staff deal with on a daily basis? Just because we don't see the plight of the persecuted Christians in Sudan, abused children right here in the Magic Valley or abandoned and neglected animals being put to their death, does it make it go away? Quite the opposite; if we know there is a need, it only increases our responsibility to address that need.

I applaud The Times-News for having the courage to bring this terrible situation to our attention. If it allowed even one dog or cat to find a loving home, it was worth writing. The article was, in fact, much more responsible journalism than the constant haranguing of the Twin Falls School District that has become the paper's norm.

Unfortunately, as is always the case in society, there are a percentage of people who continue to contribute to the problem, despite education or incentives. Because of our agricultural mentality in the Magic Valley, many animals are viewed as disposable. That leaves those of us who care to provide a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. At the top of that list, we find Ms. Simonds and her staff. I am thankful that if these animals must die that they spend their last moments with someone who is kind, compassionate and caring. Ms. Simonds says that she is haunted by her grisly task, and the innocent face of the dog on the front page should haunt all of us.

My pets are all castaways of some sort, and all are well cared for, spayed and neutered. The face of the dog on the front page asks me if that is enough. Ms. Simonds' words also ring in my conscience, asking if that is enough. I am sending my check today and my support of the Humane Society's worthwhile efforts will be provided on a regular basis.

KATEY GIES
Twin Falls

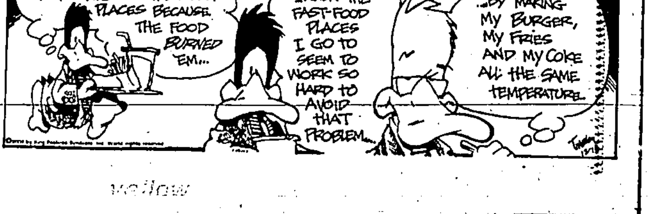
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Now you can bring your baby to work

MARJORIE WILLIAMS

Employers, in their wisdom, have begun to pioneer a new solution to the endless problem of work-family conflict: letting employees bring their babies to work.

A breezy recent report on this trend in The New York Times tells us that in a growing number of workplaces, parents bring their infants along, "not to an on-site day care center, but directly to their desks, where they care for their children while doing their jobs."

"It just allows a parent to be a caregiver," says Kathleen Sebelius, the insurance commissioner for Kansas, who supervises 160 employees. "And people are nicer to each other if there's a baby around. There's sort of a shared sensation that it's a department baby."

Of course, this is the same caring employer who later notes that her department has a grievance procedure whereby it can "kick the baby out if it's a bad baby."

Is your heart warmed yet?

By inviting employees (OK, *can we just say it?* Inviting mothers) to bring their babies to their desks, employers are hoping to win magnanimity points without incurring the costs and liability issues that come with creating actual day care programs for their workers. It is a corporate convenience that masquerades as compassion. When they say "We love babies in the workplace," what they mean is, "We love mothers who come right back to work – even if they can only work 60 percent as hard as they used to and have spit-up on their sweaters."

These generous employers are a little like the companies that set up "sick child" care at the office, mini-infirmaries where you can bring a child who's too sick to go to school – so that you, the parent, can keep your nose to the grindstone. A bank president interviewed by the Times acknowledged that he asks parents who plan to bring their babies to work to take shorter maternity leaves than they otherwise would have. Perhaps you tell yourself that these enlightened new policies hark back to the days of rural yesteryear, when mothers carried their babies out to the fields, nursing them on demand and playing with them while bringing in the harvest. How warm, how with-it, how nurturing of corporate America to foster mothers' bonding with their babies.

But then you must consider what it is actually like to care for an infant. Trying to do a job and care for a baby at the same time is a fool's errand, a prescription for stress and frustration. And as for the baby, "When (4-month-old) Kallan is awake," the Times reports, "Ms. Gonzales sometimes reads him health or accident insurance policies while he stares at her University of Kansas Jayhawks screen saver." What a nice life for a baby ("... and a comb and a brush and a bowl full of mush, and a quiet old lady who was whispering 'Minimum Bodily Injury-/Property Damage Liability Limits' ").

Babies are described, in the Times piece, as company mascots, softening influences, good recruiting tools, and only minor distractions. If enough employers take up this tune (and enough newspapers write approving reports on it), we may soon forget entirely that babies were once seen as vulnerable beings with pressing needs for very particular and time-consuming forms of attention.

I don't fault any mother who chooses to take advantage of her employer's ambiguous generosity. It isn't as though the alternative is a dazzling array of affordable, trustworthy care arrangements for infants. But don't mistake this trend for a cure to the problem of work-family collision. It's a symptom, more than anything, of our confusion and denial over the effects of the half-baked social revolution that has drawn almost 60 percent of women with children under the age of 1 into the work force.

The simple fact is that we haven't come to any social agreement about who should care for those millions of babies, or their slightly older brothers and sisters. Our mores and our economy work together to make paid employment increasingly the social norm even for the mothers of young children. But there isn't enough good child care to go around, largely because we don't pay nearly enough to the people who do this exhausting, important work. And we don't pay them enough because then most of us wouldn't be able to afford child care. Yet we still like to think of ourselves as a country of rugged individualists, who aren't about to collectivize the care, or even the cost of the care, of our young.

If you're very lucky, you can buy your way out of this bind. For everyone else – the mothers, and the fathers, and the employers who want them hard at work around the clock – there is just the clot of contradiction and guilt and wishful thinking beckoned by the belief that a woman can mother an infant and process insurance claims at the very same time.

Marjorie Williams writes for the Washington Post.

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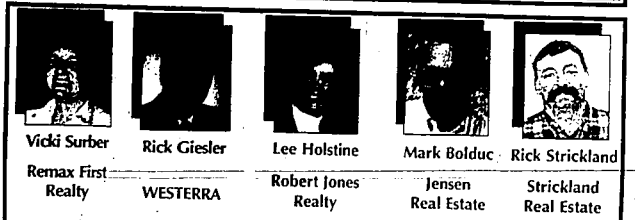
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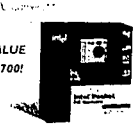
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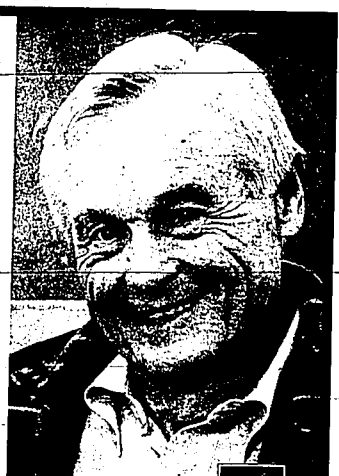
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Bush adds three staffers

President-elect arrives in D.C. for three-day visit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) – Carrying through on a promise to bring diversity to his administration, President-elect Bush on Sunday named a second black to his foreign policy team and selected a Hispanic Texas Supreme Court justice to be chief White House counsel.

He also reiterated his support for a $1.3 trillion tax cut and urged congressional Democrats not to reject it until they've heard him make his case in person.

Before departing Texas for Washington, D.C., Bush named Stanford professor Condoleezza Rice his national security adviser and Justice Alberto Gonzales to the White House counsel's job.

He also announced his long-time communications director, Karen Hughes, would take the post of counselor to the president to help oversee "strategic planning."

"America will be better off that these three have agreed to serve," Bush said at a news conference in the governor's mansion in Austin, a day after he nominated retired Gen. Colin Powell to be secretary of state.

Asked if he was trying to send a message by including among his first appointments two blacks, two women and a Hispanic, Bush said, "You bet: that people that work hard and make the right decisions in life can achieve anything they want in America."

Bush then headed for Washington to spend three days meeting with congressional leaders from both parties, visiting Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, paying calls on President Clinton and Vice President Gore, and interviewing prospective members of his Cabinet.

Incoming first lady Laura Bush was getting a jump on her husband in visiting the White House, accepting an invitation from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to have tea together in the residence Monday morning.

They arrived at Dulles International Airport in suburban Virginia Sunday evening and went directly to their hotel in downtown Washington without making any public remarks.

Powell, meanwhile, visited with Secretary of State Madeline Albright for more than three hours Sunday afternoon at her home in Washington to discuss foreign affairs.

"It's the beginning of a dialogue that is crucial to get some positive things done," Bush said of his meetings with congressional leaders.

Of his meeting with Greenspan, Bush declined to say whether he thought the Fed chairman shared his concerns that the economy could be headed for a recession.

"I think it's best for he and I to have our discussion first, and I look forward to it," Bush said. "I have always admired Alan Greenspan. He's got good judgment."

After a bitter five-week legal battle over the election and as the first president to serve since 1888 without having won the popular election vote, Bush must reach out to Democrats if he is to have success pushing his policies through a nearly evenly split Congress.

Some Democratic leaders have said the Bush team's unwillingness to back off its campaign proposal of a $1.3 trillion, 10-year tax cut aggravate already bitter partisan feelings. And even some members of Bush's own party have suggested the tax cut should not be pushed in one piece.

Bush defended the proposal Sunday, saying, "I campaigned on a tax relief package that I firmly believe – believed then and believe even more now – is important as an insurance policy against any economic downturn."

"I look forward to discussing my vision of tax relief with the parties. I mean, it doesn't seem to make much sense for people to be drawing lines in the sands until we've had a chance to discuss things," he said.

The trip to Washington is the first in six months for Bush, who campaigned as an "outsider" during the election and often criticized Washington ways on the stump.

"It will be a series of unique moments, starting with sitting down and talking with Alan Greenspan who America knows to be a distinguished, thoughtful economist. And I look forward to going to the Hill. And then I'm very much looking forward to talking with the vice president and to the president. And it's going to be, I'm confident, a memorable trip," Bush said.

Rice, 46, like Powell, served in the administration of Bush's father. Powell was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff while Rice served as an expert on the Soviet Union on the National Security Council.

"It is a wonderful time for the United States in foreign policy, because it is a time when markets and democracy are spreading, when our values are being affirmed around the world, and yet it's a time of great challenge," said Rice, who would be the first woman to head the National Security Council.

Rice, called "Condi" by friends and associates, said Bush would "conduct a foreign policy that combines humility with strength."

On a personal note, she recounted attending segregated schools in Birmingham, Ala., until 10th grade, when her family moved to Denver.

"I think that you will see in the presidency of George W. Bush recognition of how important it is that we continue the last 30-plus years of progress toward one America, that he will have an administration that is inclusive, an administration that is bipartisan, and, perhaps most importantly, an administration that affirms that united we stand and divided we fall," she said.



President-elect Bush listens to Condoleezza Rice, left, after naming her to serve as his national security adviser, during a Sunday ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Austin, Texas.

National security pick boasts strong resume

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON – Condoleezza Rice has spent her whole life – 46 years so far – as the youngest and smartest person in almost any room.

Now, as President-elect George W. Bush's choice for White House national security adviser, Rice faces what may be the toughest challenge of her career: managing the foreign-policy agenda of the world's only remaining superpower at a time of rapid global change.

"I think she will do a great job," said Brent Scowcroft, national security adviser in the administration of Bush's father. "She has the personality for it. She has the background for it. She starts off with a very powerful set of credentials."

Rice was senior director for Soviet and Eastern European Affairs on Scowcroft's National Security Council staff from 1989 to 1991, working closely with then-Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, now vice president-elect, and former Gen. Colin L. Powell, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and now Bush's choice for secretary of State.

The trio of Cheney, Powell and Rice gives the incoming administration a substantial core of foreign-policy expertise.

Rice was a piano prodigy at 3, a college graduate at 19, a college professor at 26, a senior White House adviser at 34 and provost – a combination of chief operating officer and chief financial officer – of Stanford University at 36.

"She has a nice combination of three kinds of experience: scholarly intellectual knowledge, real experience working in government and responsibility for administering a large institution," said Philip Zelikow, director of the Miller Center at the University of Virginia. He worked with Rice at the White House and co-authored with her a book on the unification of Germany.

Condoleeza Rice

Born: Nov. 14, 1954, in Birmingham, Ala.

Education: Bachelor's degree in political science, University of Denver, 1974; Master's degree, University of Notre Dame, 1975; Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, 1981.

Experience: Senior fellow at Hoover Institution and professor of political science, Stanford University, 1981-present; provost, Stanford University, 1992-99; director/senior director, Soviet and East European Affairs, National Security Council, 1989-91; special assistant to the director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1986.

Books: Co-author, "Germany Unified and Europe Transformed," 1995; co-author, "The Gorbachev Era," 1986; author, "Uncertain Allegiance: The Soviet Union and the Czechoslovak Army," 1984.

Family: Single, no children.

Justices likely set precedents in case that picked president

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Supreme Court likely set some precedents in the case that picked a president, and a major beneficiary could be poorer, largely minority communities that traditionally vote Democratic.

The obvious and immediate political implications of Bush v. Gore were the end of Al Gore's candidacy and ratification of the election for President-elect Bush.

The long-term effect may be at least as important, legal scholars say: possibly a broader definition of an unconstitutional infringement on the right to vote, and reform of voting mechanics nationwide.

"I have no doubt voting rights lawyers will be using this decision, and fairly soon, to challenge existing voting practices and outmoded voting machines," said Richard Pildes, an election law specialist at New York University law school.

The divided court ruled that manual ballot recounts in Florida were unconstitutional because various counties used different standards to evaluate a vote.

The court also pointed to machines that did not record all votes, and said the system should be standardized in order to meet the Constitution's guarantee of "equal protection" under the law.

Future court cases presumably would use that precedent to argue that it is unconstitutional for some counties to have better, more accurate voting equipment than others.

In Florida and elsewhere, the poorest counties are most likely to have balky, outmoded or inaccurate voting equipment, and to have higher concentrations of minorities and immigrants. Those communities are also more likely to vote Democratic.

"The silver lining in what is otherwise a dark cloud for Democrats is that they decided it on equal protection grounds, which is normally a doctrine that Democrats like better than Republicans," said Bruce Cain, director of the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California.

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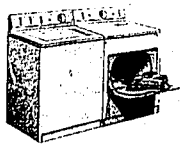
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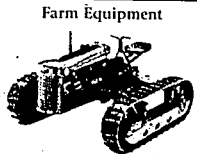
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Terror on Flight 611– baby on board



HUMOR
Dave Barry

Recently, my wife and I took our eight-month-old daughter on a trip involving five plane flights in one week. Many people would be reluctant to travel with a baby that small, but we had a compelling reason: We have Fig Newtons for brains.

An intelligent person, or even a reasonably bright fungus, would know that two people cannot possibly carry both a baby and all the supplies the baby needs, including stroller, car seat, clothes, diapers, industrial-sized bale of wipes, stuffed bear, stuffed tiger, stuffed frog, stuffed paramecium, etc. The total weight of all these supplies can be hundreds of times the weight of the actual baby. This is why your famous explorers rarely traveled with babies. If Magellan had tried to sail around the world with a baby on board, his ship would have sunk at the dock from the weight of the formula alone.

We were one of those wretched traveling families you see getting on planes – the kind where you don't actually see the people, just this mound of baby equipment shuffling slowly down the aisle toward you. This sight is always hugely popular with the other passengers, some of whom will yank open the emergency exits and dive out of the plane. Because they know what babies do on planes: They stand on their parents' laps and stick their heads up over the seats, so they can get maximum range when they shriek. On a baby-intensive airplane, you see shrieking baby heads constantly popping up all over, like prairie dogs from Hell.

As a parent in this situation, your fervent hope is that the other babies on the plane will shriek louder than yours, thereby diverting passenger hatred away from you. It would not surprise me to learn that some parents creep under the seats and pinch other people's babies to set them off. I myself would never do such a thing. I carry a slingshot.

The trick for keeping your baby from crying on the plane is to come up with a new activity each time the baby gets bored. A standard baby gets bored every 15 seconds, so on a four-hour flight, you, as a parent, need to come up with 960 different activities. By the third hour of the flight, your standards are pretty low. Baby wants to crawl into the cockpit and bite the navigator on the ankle? Whatever baby wants!

Here's what a stupid parent I am: On our first flight, I brought two newspapers on board. I did not read one word of either one. What I read was a book called "Farm Faces," which is made entirely of cloth. There's a cow on the cover, and each page has a new animal. Here's the entire text: "chick," "lamb," "pig," "duck," "horse," "worm." I read this book to my daughter maybe 40 times, using a dramatic and excited voice to show her how fascinating it was. I mean, talk about a surprise plot twist! I never would have guessed worm!

I also tried to interest Sophie in the in-flight movie, which was "The Perfect Storm," in which George Clooney goes to sea in a fishing boat and is killed by special effects. Sophie did not care for it. I could see her point: I thought "Farm Faces" was less formulaic.

You know what we need? We need an airline just for people with babies (it could be called "Shrieking Prairie Dogs From Hell Airlines"). The planes would not have seats: Everyone would squat on the floor. The preflight safety lecture would consist of a demonstration of how to get a Lego out of a child's mouth. The inflight meal would be Cheerios eaten off the floor. If the noise reached a certain decibel level, plastic tubes would automatically pop out of the ceiling to dispense liquid horse tranquilizer to the parents. The inflight movie would be "Farm Faces," starring George Clooney as worm.

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Take Chickenpox Seriously

That rash may be the least of your child's problems

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Time was, Cheryle Becker recalls, when mothers readily exposed their healthy children to chickenpox.

"The idea was to get it over with," said Becker, an epidemiologist with the South Central District Health Department. "If one kid in the neighborhood got it, then every kid might as well get it."

Public attitudes about chickenpox – a childhood disease characterized by a crusty rash that covers most if not all of the body – haven't changed a lot, but that's not the case in the medical community.

"Chickenpox is a miserable disease for kids, and potentially a life-threatening one," said Dr. Ron Miller, a Twin Falls pediatrician. "With vaccine now available, there's no reason why kids have to go through it – and a lot of good reasons why they shouldn't."

"It is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in children in the United States," Dr. Robert C.M. Bourne, a California family practitioner, told the Dallas Morning News. "It is the underlying cause of 43 deaths per year in children. About 90 percent were in kids without identified high-risk conditions."

Chickenpox causes another 60 deaths annually among adults.

"Chickenpox is not a disease you want to catch if you're an adult," Becker said. "It can make you very sick and expose you to some very dangerous secondary infections."

Chickenpox-related pneumonia, which causes most of the deaths related to the disease among children, is much more common in adults and especially deadly in pregnant women. In addition, if a woman develops varicella near the time of delivery, she may pass it on to her child – who may be in trouble.

That's because contracting chickenpox during pregnancy can cause the mother to suffer pneumonia and premature labor and the baby to have birth defects as well as an increased risk of death.

"Chickenpox in infants that's passed on from the mothers is very, very serious," Miller said.

And yet only 43 percent of American kids are vaccinated for chickenpox by the time they're 3, according to the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That compares to 92 percent nationwide for measles, mumps and rubella.

"I don't know what the vaccination rate for chickenpox is here, but I'm sure it's lower because our vaccination rates as a whole tend to be lower," Becker said.

In 1995, the federal government recommended that the vaccination be administered to children between the age of 12 and 18 months. The vaccine is available from the South Central District Health Department, and from many private physicians.

"Chickenpox vaccine is a little more expensive, but I don't know how much effect that has on the vaccination rate here," Becker said.

The state of Idaho does not require doctors to report chickenpox cases, so the incidence of the disease is hard to pin down. But Miller says it's very common – and very, very contagious because its spread by breathing droplets in the air that come from an infected person.

"If you have a child in day-care and another child breaks out with chickenpox, there's a fair chance your child has been exposed," Miller said. "What we like parents to do once a child breaks out with symptoms is to keep them

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Photo courtesy kidshealth.org

Kids with chickenpox can sprout as many as 500 lesions.

Chickenpox and shingles

As uncomfortable as chickenpox is to a child, the same bug can wreak even greater havoc when he or she grows up.

Chickenpox and shingles – an acutely painful, sometimes recurring disease characterized by rash and blisters – are caused by the same virus, varicella. Researchers believe that after a child recovers from chickenpox, the virus may go into a resting state in one or more nerves and remain there for a lifetime. In some people, varicella – for reasons scientists understand – becomes active again.

The result is shingles, a nasty disease by any standard: The blisters form along a narrow band on one side of the back or abdomen, the face or scalp, or on part of an arm or leg. As with chickenpox blisters, the fluid inside the blisters contains the virus; That means it's highly infectious to anybody who hasn't developed an immunity to chickenpox.

Because shingles travels along nerves, the pain can be intense even after the lesions have healed. Some people have multiple attacks – and they can occur at any age. And as with chickenpox, there's also the risk of more serious secondary infections, such as pneumonia.

– Source: British Columbia Ministry of Health

Immunization of U.S. children

Child immunization rates are at an all-time high. Percentage who were vaccinated by age 3 in 1998:

Diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw); pertussis (whooping cough)*: 80%

*Three doses of DTP vaccine

Haemophilus b, or Hib bacteria (can cause meningitis): 84%

Measles, mumps, rubella (German measles): 82%

Polio: 91%

Hepatitis B: 81%

Chickenpox: 43%

Who still needs protection?

- Immunization rates about 22 points below the national average
- Rates generally lowest among blacks and Native Americans
- Children without health insurance: About 12% of children under age 6 are uninsured; the federal Vaccines for Children program provides free vaccinations

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Make last-minute gifts in a flash from oh-so-warm fleece



SEWING
Barbara Gash

One of the best features of outerwear fleece, often called polar fleece, is that it lends itself to quick and easy gifts. If you need a few last-minute items for family or friends, give it a try. Here are some ideas offered by the Hancock Fabrics stores:

A young child can keep hands warm by putting them into the hidden pocket in a simple double-layer scarf. This takes one-quarter yard each of two colors of fleece, or one-third yard of a single color used twice. To create fringe on the ends of a scarf, cut strips about one-half-inch wide and a few inches deep.

A poncho is easily made from a 50-inch square, and you can add a piece 8-by-50 inches for a scarf. For the head opening, cut a rectangle about 18 inches wide, but be sure to back it with a stabilizer so it won't stretch out of shape.

A cozy throw or blanket with a "pillow in a pocket" takes 2 .5 yards plus two 18-inch square pieces. The double pillow panel is attached at the bottom of the throw, with one side left open so the throw can be folded and stuffed into it.

For sewing with polar fleece, use a size 12 or 14 universal needle and good quality thread, lengthen the stitch and loosen top tension.

Outerwear fleece doesn't ravel and needs no special finishing. Edges can be turned over and stitched down if you prefer, or try cutting with a decorative rotary blade, or doing a blanket stitch with yarn. A narrow binding of knit fabric around the edges gives an even more polished look.

Save leftover pieces, even small ones, to make mittens, headbands and toys in little time. You can also cut out colorful shapes to applique on pullover tops, vests, robes and jackets. Patterns for many items are abundant in the current catalogs, as the popularity of outerwear fleece continues to grow.

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Don't eat on the fly; eat before

Here's another good reason to avoid airplane food: New research suggests that eating before boarding a plane may fend off fainting and even heart attack while in flight. According to the results of a small study presented at the American Heart Association's recent annual meeting, a preflight meal and sports drink might help passengers' bodies fare better in the low cabin pressure and dry air aboard aircraft.

Promising drug

A flu drug can also reduce the risk of contracting related infections, a new study has found. Researchers in the United States and Europe analyzed the results of seven clinical trials on the use of zanamivir (Relenza) in the prevention of secondary infections following influenza. Zanamivir is used to shorten duration of influenza and reduce its symptoms. These trials randomly divided 3,815 adolescents and adults who had flu-like symptoms into four groups. Two received zanamivir, in either an inhalable form or in a combination of inhaled powder and intranasal spray. The other two groups received sham treatments that were administered in comparable fashions. Seventeen percent of those who received the sham treatment developed secondary infections that required antibiotic use, compared with only 11 percent of those receiving the drug.

Health notes

Heart of the matter

If you're prone to irregular heart rhythms, surgery can be more economical than prolonged medication, researchers have found. People with episodes of irregular heart rhythm known as supraventricular tachycardia must either make repeated and sometimes frequent visits to the emergency room or take a daily dose of medication to keep the condition under control. A third alternative is an expensive – and not always effective – operation known as radiofrequency ablation, which destroys a small portion of heart tissue that is responsible for the problem. Researchers in California and Connecticut estimated the cost-effectiveness and the quality of life for patients undergoing radiofrequency ablation and for those taking medication or relying primarily on emergency room visits. By their analysis, radiofrequency ablation was found to be the most effective choice for improving the quality of life and the least expensive therapy for patients with monthly episodes of irregular heart rhythm.

– Compiled from wire service reports

Red Cross offers first aid course

A Community First Aid and Safety course will be offered at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday at the American Red Cross, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The nine-hour course includes infant, child and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The Red Cross is also offering recertification classes at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Fridays at the chapter office in Twin Falls.

Preregistration and prepayment are required. For more information and to register, call 733-6464, (888) 367-6321 or visit the office.

Childbirth refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

Alzheimer's support group

SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the care center, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Becky Jacobsen or Judy Black at 734-8645.

To do for you

CPR class

A CPR class will be offered from 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

Fee is $11. To register, call 737-2007.

Diabetes support group

Diabetes Support Group will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Snake River Health and Wellness Center, 640 Frog's Landing, Hagerman.

For more information, call Jami Stroud at 837-6161.

Bereavement support group

The Here and Now Bereavement Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hospice Visions, 308 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Flo at 735-0121.

Cesarean childbirth class

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Dec. 26 in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Preregistration is not required.

Cardiac risk profile coupons

Cardiac risk profile coupons are available to check cholesterol (LDL and HDL levels), triglycerides and cardiac risk factor.

Cost is $15. For more information, call MVRMC Laboratory Services at 737-2021 or stop by the main entrance lobby at the medical center to receive a coupon.

Center needs volunteers

The Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center at MVRMC is in need of volunteers to assist patients and their families at the cancer center. Volunteers are needed from 12:30-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more information or to sign up, call Loraine Devey at 737-2006.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Acne has no single solution



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

DEAR PAULA: I have been using several over-the-counter products you recommend for nearly four months now and my acne is improving every day. By now nearly all my old little whiteheads are gone and the acne is healing and almost gone. Now, I am just waiting for my scars to disappear, which some already have.

There is one slight problem, though. My face tends to get red mainly around my mouth, sides of my nose, and the jaw area and neck as well. Also, whenever I finished washing my face and applied all the products I am fine until I eat or laugh or whenever I open my mouth wide and then redness and flaky skin appears mainly around my mouth to jaw. What can I do about it or is this normal?

Please don't tell me to stop using the products since they seem to be doing a great job at treating my acne. I have already cut back on some of the products alternating days or only using once a day. What else can I do?

– ANDY, E-MAIL

DEAR ANDY: It is normal for some people to be sensitive to lots of different products and ingredients, but this is especially so for products with active ingredients such as sunscreens, benzoyl peroxide, exfoliants and skin lightening products. I wish I had an easy answer for you, but I'm afraid I don't because yours is a tricky situation. While the texture of your skin has improved and you are getting the basic results you want, the side effects are not really acceptable. I understand the frustration. You like the improvement and don't want to risk more breakouts, but the redness and dryness aren't attractive either. By alternating the application days and reducing how frequently you apply, you are already doing what I would recommend, at least before a need to change products should be considered.

I for one cannot justify substituting one skin-care problem for another. My strong suggestion is to begin trying other options and discussing this with a dermatologist who will listen!

Sadly, it means experimenting until you find the right combination of products that produce the best results for your skin type.

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Investigate before choosing a doctor

The Baltimore Sun

When Leslie Brooke moved to Washington a year and a half ago, she used the same method many use to pick a new doctor. She opened her insurance provider's directory and scanned the list for the nearest office.

"I just chose a name and made an appointment," she says. "When they couldn't get me in, I looked at another and said, 'Well, how about him?' "

Brooke soon learned that choosing a physician should be a process involving more than flipping pages and dialing the phone.

"It was creepy," the 23-year-old says of her appointment with a general practitioner. "He was a complete stranger. I had no idea where he went to school or what his qualifications were. ... I didn't realize what an important choice this was."

Because she "just wasn't comfortable," Brooke is now in the process of choosing another physician. Others may be disenchanted with doctors they have been seeing for some time, and that's also a reason to consider a change, according to Terre Mcfillen Hall, executive director of the Virginia-based Center for Patient Advocacy.

Whether it's a new doctor or an established relationship, Hall says, "If you feel like you're not getting the care or time you need, that's a red flag."

In today's complicated health care landscape, as employers change insurers and employees are forced to choose new providers, it becomes especially important to make informed decisions. But how do you choose?

The biggest mistake people make, Hall says, is to look in a provider book and just pick a name. "You need to investigate. If that means calling different (doctors) and talking to them a little, it may be time consuming, but you're talking about your life."

Hall, 38, works to help people find quality health care and know how to recognize when they aren't receiving it. In 1996 she joined the fledgling nonprofit Center for Patient Advocacy, whose mission is to give patients a voice on Capitol Hill.

Study proves golf is better than nothing

The Washington Post

In yet another case of science laboring to prove the obvious, a new study demonstrates that playing golf is healthier than doing nothing.

Finnish researchers reporting in the American Journal of Medicine found dramatic improvements in an array of health measures in middle-aged men who abandoned the safety of their living rooms to play an average of 2.5 rounds of golf a week for 20 weeks.

The 55 golfers, who'd been largely sedentary for seven months prior to the study, were compared with a group with like habits whose members were required to stay inactive except for normal household activities such as gardening and repairs.

ANNIVERSARY

THE BECKERS

JEROME – Mr. and Mrs. David W. Becker of Jerome will be honored Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to a dutch-treat celebration from noon to 5 p.m. at the Hometown Cafe in Jerome.

Becker and Thora Douglass were married Dec. 22, 1940, in Jerome.

They have lived in Jerome all of their lives. He farmed, and she was a licensed practical nurse and a housewife.

They have been active in the Presbyterian Church in Jerome.

The couple has six children, David Becker Jr., Douglass (Gloria) Becker, Debra (Jim) Hudson, Diane (Reece) Theobald, Daniel (Tammy) Becker and Donald (Cathy) Becker, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Thora and David Becker

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Pox

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home, but a lot of parents say they can't do that for 10 days."

"What happens in some cases is that a child in day-care will break out with chickenpox, and the parents of other children will move their kids to other day-care," Becker said. "That spreads it even farther."

Both Becker and Miller emphasize that varicella can be a relentless, long-lasting microbe and big trouble both in the near and long term.

"Look at the way people used to regard measles," Miller said. "It's now obvious what a dangerous disease it is, and the same is true for chickenpox."

But beyond that, many parents forget just how uncomfortable chickenpox can be to a child.

For the vast majority of kids, a chickenpox outbreak lasts four or five days, causing fever, malaise and an itchy rash all over their bodies. Victims are usually contagious for the day or two before and up to five days after the onset of the rash. It's not uncommon for a child to have 250 to 500 lesions, any of which could become infected or lead to permanent scarring, doctors say.

"The lesions can be anywhere," Miller said. "They can even be in the vaginas of little girls."

Scientists say the vaccine is 70 to 90 percent effective in preventing chickenpox. Of the children who do get it after being vaccinated, almost all had a mild form of the disease, health officials say. Adverse reactions to the vaccine generally were mild, including pain, rash or swelling at the injection site.

Certain people have been warned to avoid the vaccination. They include infants younger than 12 months, pregnant women, cancer patients whose immunity has been suppressed, and people taking high doses of steroids.

An estimated 10.8 million adults and teen-agers older than 15 nationwide have not been vaccinated or had chickenpox. The federal government has recommended that those who work with children, including teachers and day-care employees, be vaccinated if they've never had chickenpox. An adult requires two doses of the vaccine.

In particular, the vaccine has been recommended for any woman of childbearing age who has never had chickenpox. She should avoid pregnancy for at least three months after the shot.

More recently, the vaccine has been recommended for college students, military personnel and prison employees and inmates because they live and work in situations where the virus can be transmitted easily.

About 10,000 people a year are hospitalized for secondary bacterial infections due to chickenpox, including pneumonia and staph. And in an era of increasingly antibiotic-resistant bacteria, that's serious, Miller said.

"This is not a benign disease."

– The Dallas Morning News contributed to this report

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Don't kid around with herbal remedies

Knight Ridder News Service

It wasn't that long ago that mothers gave their children cod liver oil to keep them healthy. Nowadays, many prefer to dish out herbs, things such as cherry bark and astragalus, horehound and lemon balm.

Sunny Mavor, in fact, can rattle off the names of more than 50 plant-based products she has tried out on her son and daughter in the past few years.

And that is a conservative estimate.

"There have been as many as 100," she says.

The Bozeman, Mont., mother's affinity for herbal alternatives to drugs is certainly shared by hundreds of thousands of Americans, more and more of whom are purchasing herbal products for their kids despite potential safety risks.

A 1999 survey on the nation's use of supplements found that 18 percent of parents give their children herbal products – a classification that doesn't even include vitamins or minerals.

"*I guess it was inevitable*," says Anne Maher, assistant director for advertising practice at the Federal Trade Commission. "Just as you see over-the-counter drugs being marketed to kids, you're seeing herbal supplements being marketed to kids."

It's a phenomenon that has horrified some pediatricians.

A bevy of herbal products with smiling rhinos, dancing frogs and diaper-clad teddy bears on their labels are now filling up the shelves of health food stores and even mainstream supermarkets.

Most are touted as "all natural," and many come in flavors kids love. Some are sold as lollipops, Gummi candies and even fruit smoothies. And it seems that all manufacturers of dietary supplements are scrambling to offer their own kid-friendly version of adult formulations.

"*Everybody's trying to sell the* 'miracle pill' to fix things," says Dr. Kathi J. Kemper, director of the Center for Holistic Pediatric Education and Research at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Yet Kemper, who considers herself pro-herbs, says parents might be better off if they didn't give in to the hype.

> *'If adults wish to use them themselves and take whatever chances are involved, that's fine. But I don't recommend them for children.'*
>
> – Varro Tyler, professor emeritus at Purdue University

What many consumers aren't aware of is that dietary supplements sold in the United States are not subject to the same stringent safety regulations applied to drugs. They can be sold without any pre-market testing or approval. They aren't required to be effective.

So-called children's products aren't necessarily the right formulations for a growing kid. And the ingredients listed on product labels aren't always what's inside.

"In our country, it's sort of Russian roulette. You really don't know what you're getting," says Varro Tyler, professor emeritus at Purdue University who is considered one of the leading experts on herbal medicines.

When it comes to manufactured herbal products, Tyler says, "If adults wish to use them themselves and take whatever chances are involved, that's fine. But I don't recommend them for children."

Which is a shame, some herbal advocates maintain. After all, mild herbs such as peppermint, ginger and chamomile have been used by some cultures for thousands of years. And many children seem to tolerate them well.

"I've always had good results with herbal medicines. I know I can trust them," says Mavor, who has written "Kids, Herbs & Health" and launched her own children's herbals company.

The key, she says, is in selecting a safe and efficacious product. Parents shouldn't be blindly buying capsules they know nothing about without even discussing them with a physician or herbalist first.

"Some of these products are patently not safe for children," says Dr. Ed Cox, chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' task force on complementary and alternative medicine.

"It's possible that they're doing more harm than good."

Test screens for disorders during the first trimester

The Stamford Advocate

The fetus is so tiny, it's still just a blur on the ultrasound screen, its features a white, fuzzy outline. Its weight can still be measured in mere ounces; its length in centimeters.

The growing baby is just 10 1/2 weeks old, but in a tiny space on the back of its neck, specially trained doctors can take a precise measurement that will help them screen for such chromosomal disorders as Down syndrome or Trisomy 18, a serious defect few babies survive.

Medical researchers have found that the neck space, known as a nuchal translucency, is sometimes slightly enlarged in infants with chromosomal defects, explains Dr. William Cusick, assistant director of maternal/fetal medicine at Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Conn. The difference can be measured in tenths of millimeters. And by measuring that space and analyzing the mother's blood for certain pregnancy-related proteins, researchers report as much as 89 percent success in diagnosing Down syndrome and Trisomy in a pregnancy's first trimester. The test, which is already routine in Great Britain and most of Europe, is accurate enough that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recently described the screening as a test that's "effective and offers substantial benefits to clinicians and patients."

"Women like insight when they are pregnant. I they are anxious to know if things are normal," says Cusick, who is certified to conduct the screening by the London-based Fetal Medicine Foundation, which developed the protocol for the test.

"And now, because of this test, we are able to give that insight so much earlier," he says. "And the information we're giving, I believe, is much more accurate."

Since it was first offered in the United States in 1995, about 30,000 American women have had the test . "Like anything new, it's not routine, but it's catching on," says Dr. Phillip D. Buchanan, director and president of GeneCare, a Chapel Hill, N.C., laboratory that analyzes the test results for area hospitals. "And it's important to note that this test doesn't replace more comprehensive screenings like amniocentesis. That, I believe, is still what we should be recommending for women 35 and over who are at higher risk for these problems."

The first-trimester screening gives parents insight into their babies' health up to four weeks earlier than the standard blood screening, known as the AFP (alphafetoprotein) test, which is known for its high false-positive rate. "A lot of doctors and patients don't like that test because it isn't terribly reliable. It causes a lot of stress for parents who get told their babies might have this or that," says Cusick.

Dieting does not control everyone's cholesterol

Los Angeles Times

If you're convinced that everything you eat immediately turns into artery-clogging goo, a new study may confirm your suspicions.

In the midst of the current holiday gorge-a-thon comes the news that dieting to control cholesterol doesn't work for everyone.

Research conducted at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas showed that people eating similar diets may have a wide variation in their cholesterol levels and that genes play a major role in the effectiveness of an unsaturated fat diet.

"The study demonstrates that there are people who, despite being very careful, can't overcome their genetic predisposition," said Dr. Ronald M. Krauss, head of the molecular medicine department at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory at University of California, Berkeley.

This genetic trait is found in about 15 percent to 20 percent of Americans, according to Krauss, who had done pioneering research suggesting a correlation between genetics and cholesterol levels.

In the study of 46 families, the researchers contracted with a local bakery to produce cakes, cookies, brownies and bread that had either butter, a saturated fat, or margarine, an unsaturated fat. Then the researchers followed the families, who used either the butter products or margarine products, for five weeks.

Most of the people on the margarine diet achieved an average drop of 10 percent in their LDL cholesterol (low-density lipoprotein). This so-called bad cholesterol sticks to the walls of blood vessels, contributing to the blockages in blood flow that trigger heart attacks and strokes. But a small number of participants had no appreciable change.

Strikingly, 40 percent of the children in the study had the same response to the diets as their parents, said Dr. Margo A. Denke, one of the study's coauthors.

The high familial correlation among those who responded to dietary changes and those who didn't suggests there's a significant genetic component to these dietary variations.

For the virtuous souls whose cholesterol levels remain stubbornly high in spite of their most strenuous efforts, this comes as a vindication of sorts.

Now they won't have to endure the gimlet-eyed stares of their doctors who don't believe they're really sticking to a heart-safe regimen.

For them, diet and exercise aren't enough to keep down cholesterol; they may need to take medication to counteract their genes.

"Right now, we use the buckshot approach and put everybody on the same therapy," said Dr. Howard N. Hodis, director of atherosclerosis research at University of Southern California. "But one size doesn't fit all, and research like this helps us to understand differences in people's genetic makeup so we can better calibrate combinations of diet, drugs and exercise to prevent heart disease."

What's more, this study also illuminates the fact that just because someone is vigilant about diet doesn't guarantee that he or she will be immune to heart disease.

"Heart attacks can occur in people who follow a perfect lifestyle because a lot of the risk of heart disease is genetic," said Dr. Gregg C. Fonarow, an associate professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Unfortunately, adds Krauss, "people who have a cholesterol problem very often have this genetic disorder too."

Teen-age girls nationwide go crazy for cosmetics

Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

On the first day of school, Courtney Chieco-Talon, 13, brushed on light blue eye shadow, a bronzing blush and brownish lipstick with a little white gloss.

"My mom says I don't need to wear makeup to look better, that I already have a natural look," says Courtney, an energetic redhead at Carver Middle School in Delray Beach, Fla. "But that's the thing now. Everybody has to wear makeup."

For Courtney and other thousands of teen-age girls, being back in school means new classes, new teachers – and new makeup. But not just any old blush or lip gloss snagged from Mom's purse.

Today's teens, armed with money and distinct ideas, want makeup that speaks to them. That's why the teen cosmetic industry is growing bigger than a pimple outbreak on prom night.

And get this. In a few short years, by force of their burgeoning numbers, teens will rule. By 2010, expect double the number of teens from 1990.

As for today: Check the slew of just-published beauty books directed at teens. Or, flick through teen magazines and catch pop singer Mandy Moore and actress Jennifer Love Hewitt in a Neutrogena ad. And here's Sarah Michelle Gellar of Buffy, the Vampire Slayer fame – stumping for Maybelline.

"It's all part of growing up," says Robert Butterworth, a child psychologist who consults for TEEN magazine's Ask a Guy column.

"As kids gain independence, they move from listening to their parents to listening to their peers who listen to the media. They're bombarded with images – girls like Britney Spears, who they never see without makeup. Even though it makes her look 25."

But parents, take heart. Though the $40 billion cosmetic business has changed, what prompts teens to reach for lip gloss has the ring of the past.

It's about looking pretty and fitting in. It's also about getting attention and making a statement.

At Boca Raton Middle School, Tasha Williams, 13, dips into her backpack to pull out the contents of her makeup bag.

Eyeliner. Lipstick. Fragrance.

"I feel prettier when I wear it," she says. "A lot prettier. When I look at myself in the mirror, I think, 'I can't live without eyeliner. It brings out my eyes.'"

Tasha says she'd like to look like Tyra Banks, the stunning supermodel, or pop singer Brandy "because they're so beautiful."

She points to her forehead, which makes her a little self-conscious because she thinks it's a little long. But Banks has a high forehead, too, Tasha says, and she still looks elegant.

Giselle Ott, 13, chimes in with a vote for Christina Aguilera.

"I tried to do my makeup like her," says Giselle, who wears multiple bracelets and earrings. "She wears blue and black around her eyes and it, like, makes her eyes pop."

It helps, of course, to have highly paid makeup artists on one's payroll, like the ones who make Aguilera look like Aguilera. But even if a blush can't transform a teen into a pop idol, some girls say it builds confidence.

Take Ali Hall, 13, captain of the cheerleading squad at Carver Middle. A pretty, popular girl whose bedroom wall is populated by Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync posters, she says she feels pressure to look good.

"Wearing makeup makes me feel better about myself when I think I'm looking bad," says Ali, smoothing her blond hair. "I hear other people talking about other kids, like, if they have a pimple, and they'll say, 'Uh, she needs to cover that up.' I don't know if they're talking about me or not."

Then, of course, there's the boy factor.

"Boys are, like, a big issue now," Ali adds. "You want to get their attention."



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Wild horses run freely in a field north of the Current River last month near Eminence, Mo.

AP photos

Community rallies after horse deaths

Missouri town mourns its loss

EMINENCE, Mo. (AP) – The horses are as wild as the Ozark landscape, a tangle of forest, caves and fast-moving rivers that draw visitors from around the world.

They roam freely through 80,000 acres in southern Missouri, protected by federal law and by a community of people who fought for nearly a decade to afford them that protection.

In the last month, six of them were found shot down at close range.

"It was like finding out your own children had been killed," says Jim Smith, a member of a group that looks after the herds. "These horses have been here for more than a hundred years, and people around here treat them like family."

Until the shootings, 35 horses ran in five herds in the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. On Nov. 16, a mare and a stallion were found shot to death. Two days later, the mare's foal was shot in the head as it lingered around its mother's corpse.

And earlier this month, three more slain mares were found about 400 yards from the first group. Officials believe they were killed around the same time.

Sheriff Clinton Reeves is devoting half of his six-member staff to the case. He ordered necropsies on the carcasses and ballistic tests on the bullets removed from them to determine if more than one gun was involved.



A horse belonging to the Broadfoot Bunch passes time in a field north of the Cureent River near Eminence, Mo., last month. The wild horses of Shannon County, Mo., have captivated visitors and locals alike for decades.

Reeves is stumped about the motive behind the killings.

"Never once in my 12 years in office did I receive a call or complaint about these horses," the sheriff said. "This had to be someone who was either mentally deranged or had a total lack of respect for what people around here hold dear."

Reeves and Smith are members of the Wild Horse League, which keeps an eye on the herds, provides them with salt licks and adopts out stallions from time to time to keep the herd count below the federally allowed limit of 50.

A small number of people have complained to Smith that the horses cause erosion in the park and damage the plants. But those people are in the minority, he said.

"Most everyone I know has been outraged," he said. "You have to understand, these horses are a very unique thing. People came from all over hoping to spot them. Painters come to paint them. They are magical."

Residents of Shannon County – the state's second largest in area and its second poorest – treasure the animals as symbols of freedom.

"These horses are a lot like the people who live here. They want to be left alone," said Maureen Eden, a 43-year-old herbalist who moved to this town of 600 several years ago to escape urban life in New Jersey.

The horses are thought to be the only wild herd in the Midwest, descended from livestock abandoned by farmers and ranchers during the Depression.

But their protection is just 4 years old, the result of a years-long struggle between the National Park Service and the community that had enjoyed the horses for most of their lives.

*In the early 1990s, park offi*cials said they wanted to relocate the horses off Scenic Riverways land. Rangers argued that they were feral animals and caused damage to native plants.

Close to 1,000 of the county's 7,600 residents held a demonstration and signed a petition objecting to the move.

"It was a wonderful fight. People clogged the streets around the park service headquarters so no traffic could pass through," said Allen Akers, county treasurer and brother of former astronaut Tom Akers.

The battle went all the way to the Supreme Court, which ultimately declined to intervene on behalf of the residents. But in 1996, Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., and the late U.S. Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Mo., got legislation passed to protect the horses and keep them in Shannon County.

"It really pulled the community together," Akers said.

The community is pulling together again to help find the killers. A bounty has been established to solicit information that leads to a conviction, and one resident has already offered $1,000.

"Whoever did kill these animals will pay dearly," said Elmo Thompson, an 82-year-old retired truck driver and current president of the Wild Horse League.

Stores raise discounts, but holiday sales slump

The Associated Press

With one week until Christmas, merchants are facing sluggish sales and increasing their discounts in what is turning out to be a nail biter of a season.

Retailers quietly told analysts Sunday their weekend efforts may not have been enough to meet the weekend sales goals, and that doesn't bode well for their sales numbers for the season.

John Konarski, vice president of research at the International Council of Shopping Centers, noted that price cuts this weekend were deeper than those a year ago. Victoria's Secret discounted selected items by 40 percent, while housewares chain Lechters Inc. cut prices on a number of items by half.

> *'Bloomingdale's had 30 to 70 percent off of items all over the store. I am getting sweaters 50 percent off.'*
> – Eleanor Lombardi, Christmas shopper

"Last year, retailers were willing to take a chance," Konarski said. "This year, they're not."

Merchants were already bracing for a difficult season knowing that stock market volatility and a slowing economy had made consumers skittish about spending.

The same factors have "taken the froth" out of holiday Internet sales, said Ken Cassar, an analyst at Jupiter Research. He estimated that Internet sales in November and December will just about match sales expectations of $11.6 billion, up from last year's $7 billion.

Retailer eToys Inc. said Friday it would cut its work force and might run out of operating cash by the end of March due to weak holiday sales.

Sales at specialty stores in the nation's malls have declined 6.2 percent since Thanksgiving weekend, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

It is expected to release more recent data today.

Several major retailers, including Wal-Mart Stores, are slated to report the weekend's sales on Monday as well.

The news so far doesn't look good, said industry analyst Jeff Feiner of Lehman Brothers, noting that sales for many retailers are coming in below expectations. "If they don't do well this weekend, it's going to make it harder for them to make it up for the season," he said.

Stores also got bruised by the snowstorms and sleeting rain that hit the Midwest this week, he *said, and the unseasonably warm* weather on the East Coast this past weekend hurt outerwear and other heavy winter apparel.

Michael Gould, chairman of Bloomingdale's, said he was pleased with sales on Saturday and Sunday, but is nevertheless looking at the seven days following Christmas to give this month's sales a bounce. "It continues to gain more importance," he said.

"You are getting a lot more for your money than last year," said shopper Eleanor Lombardi, 50, of Cranston, R.I., who was at Bloomingdale's in Manhattan. "Bloomingdale's had 30 to 70 percent off of items all over the store. I am getting sweaters 50 percent off."

Chemical fire forces evacuation

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) – Hundreds of residents who were rushed from their homes when fire broke out in a chemical-carrying train car may not be allowed to return for several days because of dangerous fumes, authorities said Sunday.

Hazardous material teams continued to fight the fire Sunday afternoon, more than 24 hours after it began. The car was loaded with 141,000 pounds of sodium hydrosulfite, a highly flammable chemical, fire officials said.

Firefighters were able to contain the blaze to the boxcar, but evacuated about 750 homes for fear the fumes could cause respiratory problems.

Residents were allowed into their homes briefly Sunday, to gather essential items, said Scott Snyder, an American Red Cross spokesman.

There were no reports of serious injuries.

Computer error knocks out Miami airport radar

MIAMI (AP) – A computer error knocked out radar at Miami International Airport for nearly an hour, forcing air traffic controllers to divert about 125 flights to an airport in Palm Beach County.

The radar was down from 6:37 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday. It was the third serious radar problem at Miami International in the past week.

"There was a computer-processing problem," said Kathleen Bergen, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman in Atlanta. "The computer wasn't tracking properly, the data wasn't correct."

Flights scheduled to land at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International in Broward County, which relies on Miami radar, were also diverted to Palm Beach International Airport.

Saturday's radar trouble wasn't related to radar system failures Tuesday and Wednesday that contributed to two near midair collisions, Bergen said.

On Tuesday, an American Airlines 757 and a United 767 came within little over a mile of each other, and on Wednesday, a United A320 Airbus and an American Eagle turboprop came within less than a mile of each other. Standard separation for aircraft on approach is three miles.

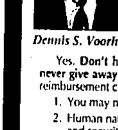
Bergen said the sweep on the controllers' screens had slowed down, causing them to momentarily lose some information. In both cases, on-board collision alert systems warned the pilots, who took emergency action.

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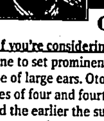

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Jupiter moon appears to have ocean

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Ganymede, the solar system's largest moon, appears to have a liquid, saltwater ocean deep beneath its cratered and fractured surface of solid ice, researchers said Saturday.

With the new findings, Ganymede joins Europa and Callisto as yet another moon of Jupiter suspected to harbor underground water – a key ingredient for life.

The ocean is the latest finding announced by scientists interpreting data from NASA's Galileo spacecraft, which began orbiting Jupiter in December 1995.

"Galileo is sparking a new revolution in our understanding of the solar system by opening our minds to the role played by that precious ingredient to life – water," said Robert Pappalardo, a senior research associate at Brown University.

Scientists received the latest data as Galileo made its closest flyby of Ganymede, coming within 503 miles on May 20. They discussed the findings at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

An instrument that measures magnetic fields detected a subtle change in the moon's internal field – a signature of a global layer of a conducting liquid, such as saltwater.

"After months and months of wrestling with the data ... we believe there is very strong evidence of a layer of melted water beneath Ganymede's icy surface," said Margaret Kivelson, a space physicist at the University of California, Los Angeles.

If the interpretation is correct, a layer of water several miles thick lies more than 100 miles below the surface, Kivelson said. Researchers believe the temperature of the water is about 68 degrees below zero but doesn't freeze because of the high pressure deep inside the moon.

Galileo scientists also said the latest high-resolution images from the spacecraft suggest Ganymede's surface is active like Earth's.

New Jersey county bans 'The Sopranos'

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) – TV mob boss Tony Soprano got whacked in his own backyard.

Essex County officials have denied the award-winning HBO series "The Sopranos" a permit to film scenes on county-owned property, citing noise and safety concerns. County Executive James W. Treffinger took the rejection a step farther on Saturday, saying he would never grant a permit for the series.

"I have no intention of granting a permit for our taxpayer-owned facilities for a profit-making enterprise which depicts an ethnic group in stereotypical fashion," Treffinger said.

County officials cited safety concerns because of a nearby deer hunt in the rejection of HBO's request last week to shoot three days and nights of gunfight scenes in the South Mountain Reservation.

But Treffinger and Sheriff Armando Fontoura also said they disapprove of the show's depiction of Italian-Americans.

"I'm constantly having to defend my county and state," Fontoura said. "I don't think the show is good for Essex County. It's not accurate. That's not what we're all about."

Essex County is a favorite location for the show; the fictional Tony Soprano lives in North Caldwell, creator David Chase's hometown.

HBO spokeswoman Tobe Becker said Essex officials never mentioned their objection to the show's content.

Essex County's rejection of the filming permit isn't the only backlash the program has faced. Organizers of this year's New York City Columbus Day parade refused "Sopranos"-related floats.

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Scientists say ozone will recover slowly

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – The ozone layer over the Arctic will not soon recover from damage caused by chemicals despite recent reductions in their use, according to scientists.

The layer, which shields Earth's surface from cancer-causing ultraviolet radiation, appears to have been weakened by man-made pollutants and extremely low temperatures in the upper atmosphere.

"This has given us concern as to why this is happening," Paul Newman, of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, said Friday. "How well do we understand the processes that are leading to these low levels?"

Although use of ozone-destroying chemicals has declined, ozone above the North Pole was depleted further between November 1999 and March 2000 by extremely low temperatures in the upper atmosphere, the American Geophysical Union reported at its fall meeting.

Ozone levels at an altitude of about 12 miles decreased up to 55 percent between Dec. 1, 1999, and March 15, 2000, as compared to previous years. Through April, a decrease of more than 60 percent was detected.

A colder stratosphere could correspond to warmer temperatures on Earth which, in turn, may be caused by greenhouse gases, blamed for global warming.

In extremely cold temperatures above the Arctic, more polar stratospheric clouds form. They provide a surface on which normally benign chemicals become ozone-destroying compounds.

Therefore, if such chemicals were eradicated, ozone recovery would depend on temperature and other, as yet undetermined, factors.

Researchers reported steady declines in chlorine, an ozone destroyer. In 1989, a gradual, global ban was imposed on chlorofluorocarbons – or CFCs – commonly used in aerosol sprays and refrigerants.

The researchers, however, noticed a continued increase in bromides, another destroyer. The compounds, found in weed and pest killers, are not being eliminated as quickly, particularly in developing countries.

The findings suggest that ozone recovery will not be complete by 2050, as once estimated, said Dale Hurst of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

And scientists are not sure what other delays exist.

Although the ozone layer covering the Arctic is not as thinned as the section above Antarctica, researchers say millions of people could be exposed to high ultraviolet radiation if the spot should drift south over Europe and North America.

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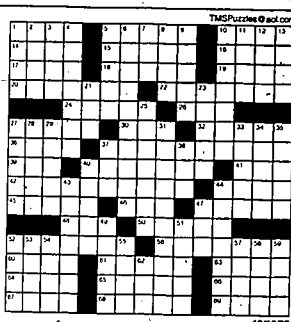
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Tag-along friend considers herself part of the family during holidays



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Nancy" and I have known each other for three years. She's a nice person and I cherish her friendship. The problem is she always invites herself to go with me to family functions.

When I tell her I'm going home for the weekend to visit my parents, she says, "I'll ride along with you." She comes home with me for Christmas, Thanksgiving and family birthdays. I am afraid to mention this constant "tagging along" to Nancy because she grew up in several foster homes and never had a real family. I would never want Nancy to feel I'm turning my back on her like she says everyone else has.

Abby, am I being selfish? How can I spend some alone time with my family without hurting Nancy's feelings?

– STUCK IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUCK: Perhaps the reason "everyone else" has "turned their back" on Nancy is because they didn't have the courage to explain to her that they felt encroached upon. She must be told. Doing so is not selfish; it will prevent your resentment from building to the point where Nancy is rejected once again. Explain as kindly as possible that although she's welcome to accompany you on some occasions, you need time alone with your family. It's the truth – and saying so shouldn't make you feel guilty because you're not excommunicating her; you're creating healthy boundaries.

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago you printed a letter to grandmothers from "Your Son's Wife." I saved that letter. It is as appropriate today as it was then. Please print it again. My in-laws need to see it. Thank you.

– ANOTHER SON'S WIFE IN IOWA

DEAR WIFE: You're welcome. Read on:

DEAR GRANDMOTHERS: Please don't play favorites. If you buy a gift for your daughter's children, please buy something of equal value for your son's children. These children are cousins, and cousins play together. When they see the expensive toys, books and clothing that Grandma has given their cousins, they become jealous because Grandma has never given them such grand gifts. She gives them cheap little trinkets – or nothing at all.

I am the mother of the children who receive very little from Grandma. I have looked into the sad eyes of my children when we visit their cousins who have been showered with expensive gifts from Grandma. It is always the daughter's children who are favored. I have friends who are in exactly the same situation, so I know I'm not imagining this.

I realize some grandmothers are fair to all their grandchildren, but I am sorry to say that they are the exception.

I hope this letter will cause the grandmothers who are guilty of this kind of favoritism to change their ways. Most children don't "need" anything – but they are hurt when their cousins always get the peaches and they get the pits.

Thanks for listening.

– YOUR SON'S WIFE

DEAR ABBY: Until now, I never believed in psychics or receiving "visions" while sleeping, but I had a dream before the presidential election that the winner would have six letters in his first name and four letters in his last.

Dreams really DO come true! (I wish I'd put a bet on it.)

– JACK ANSPACH, VIRGINIA BEACH

DEAR JACK: This time you had a surefire winner. However, when it comes to betting, it's better to do it with your eyes open.

Stay on top of your investments with the Money pages.

MOVIES

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Dude Where's My Car 7:15 - 9:30
Little Nicky Daily 7:15 - 9:30
This Weeks R Rated Movies
Proof of Life 7:00 - 9:45
Full Matinees at Odyssey Starting Friday!

A sneeze may be easier to stop than one may think



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Half way down the top of your nose, just where the bone ends, is a curious acupressure point. You can stop an oncoming sneeze by pressing on that spot.

If it has no vertebrae, it has no liver.

There has to be an alternative to prison, no? One statistician has calculated that if the "jail 'em" trend continues at the current rate, more than half the U.S. population will be behind bars by 2053.

In old China, the penalty for stealing a Pekinese was death.

Q. What's "childhood amnesia"?

A. Psychology jargon for that natural forgetfulness about what happened when you were a toddler. Few people remember much except fragments of their lives until around age 7.

Robert Golumb made an extraordinary peanut butter and jelly sandwich. This, when he was a student at the Maryland Art Institute in Baltimore some years ago. About the size of a double bed, it weighed a ton - 1,500 pounds of bread, 400 pounds of peanut butter, 100 pounds of grape jelly. For years, he said, he'd wanted a peanut butter sandwich big enough to jump into.

The oceans average out to be four times deeper than the land is high.

"Nagging," it was reported earlier, "is complaining more than once about something complaining can't change." But our Love and War man says too many of those blamed for nagging are innocent of the charge. What they complain about more than once is indeed changed, usually. By definition, that's not nagging.

No publisher would finance "The Wizard of Oz." L. Frank Baum and his illustrator had to pay all the book's printing costs.

"Onychomancy" is the curious practice of trying to foretell the future by examining reflections of sunlight on fingernails.

"There's nothing sinister in so arranging one's affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible." Judge Learned Hand said that.

Capricorn: People on your side will help in dispute

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

IF DECEMBER 18TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your outlook is universal; you are the opposite of narrow-minded. You could travel to foreign land, possess skill with language. Aries, Libra persons play sensational roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: I and R. Before December is finished you'll be asked to participate in a big transaction. Marital status likely to change in 2001.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go slow, play waiting game. Become familiar with legal ramifications. Partnership requires review. Question of marital status looms large. Libra involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Obtain hint from Aries message. Go slow, time on your side. Employment picture puzzling. Find out where you stand and why. Pisces will tell all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've waited for this – take cold plunge into opportunity. Focus on promotion, direction and intense relationship. Young person asks pertinent questions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Property transaction completed. Don't be overcome by excessive modesty. Get fair share, line up travel plans. You could encounter future mate. Victory imminent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't follow others. Emphasize independence, original thinking. Short trip involves relative. Steer clear of traffic jams. Aquarian dispels loneliness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis on payments, collections and ability to locate lost article. Cycle moves up, circumstances will turn in your favor. Capricorn, Cancer persons play special roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Joyous! You will have much to celebrate, permit yourself to be joyous. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play outstanding roles. Have luck with number 3.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You win battle against odds. What had been rejected can now be accepted. Make reasonable compromise without giving up principles. Another Scorpio involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21): Libra moon in your Eleventh House -- you win friends, influence people. Those who said you would fail will be eating crow. Written word important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Authorities on your side in connection with property dispute. Make home beautiful. Scenario features where you live, marital status. Find your rhythm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look behind scenes, define terms, avoid self-deception. Maintain aura of mystery, intrigue. Long-distance communication verifies your views. Pisces in picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Power play. Wait for right time. Focus on proposals, career and marriage. Protect self in emotional clinches. Get promises in writing, someone tries to fool you.

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Gladiator star receives top entertainer

NEW YORK – He is Gladiator. He is also Entertainment Weekly's top entertainer of 2000.

For his role in the summer blockbuster "Gladiator" and his romance with "Proof of Life" co-star Meg Ryan, Russell Crowe was named the biggest star of the year by the magazine.

When asked what his secret is, the 36-year-old Aussie replied: "I don't know, mate. Luck?

"I don't have any rules. Every single job is completely different, every single character is completely different – the only thing I've probably learned over the years is that I'm not objective when it comes to my own work."

Also on the list of the year's top entertainers are the CBS summer reality show "Survivor," rapper Eminem, actor Bruce Willis and the television drama "The West Wing."

People in the news

Singer McGraw recovers from appendectomy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Country star Tim McGraw is recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

Manager Scott Siman said McGraw was rushed to Baptist Hospital Thursday by wife Faith Hill after complaining of pain while at home.

McGraw, 33, had just flown home from Orlando, Fla., after wrapping up the last leg of his "Soul Two Soul Tour 2000."

McGraw will be recovering at home through the holidays, he expects to be recovered for the American Music Awards Jan. 8.

He is known for hits like "Please Remember Me" and a duet with his wife, "Let's Make Love."

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HEARTBURN (part 1)

WHAT IS HEARTBURN OR GERD?
Gastroesophageal reflux is a physical condition in which acid from the stomach flows backward up into the esophagus. People will experience heartburn symptoms when excessive amounts of acid reflux into the esophagus. Many describe heartburn as a feeling of burning discomfort, localized behind the breastbone, that moves up toward the neck and throat. Some even experience the bitter or sour taste of acid in the back of the throat. The burning and pressure symptoms of heartburn can last for several hours and often worsen after eating food. All of us may have occasional heartburn. However, frequent heartburn (two or more times a week). food sticking, blood or weight loss may be associated with a more severe problem known as gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD.

WHAT CAUSES HEARTBURN AND GERD?
To understand ga' ,roesophageal reflux disease or GERD, it is first necessary to un lerstand what causes heartburn. Most people will experience heartburn if the lining of the esophagus comes in contact with too much stomach juice for too long a period of time. This stomach juice consists of acid, digestive enzymes, and other injurious materials. The prolonged contact of acidic stomach juice with the esophageal lining injures the esophagus and produces a burning discomfort. Normally, a muscular valve at the lower end of the esophagus called the lower esophageal sphincter or LES – keeps the acid in the stomach and out of the esophagus. In gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD, the LES relaxes too frequently, which allows stomach acid to reflux, or flow backward into the esophagus.

WHAT ARE THE TREATMENTS FOR INFREQUENT HEARTBURN?
In many cases, doctors find that infrequent heartburn can be controlled by lifestyle modifications and proper use of over-the-counter medicines.
Lifestyle Modifications
•Avoid foods and beverages that contribute to heartburn: chocolate, coffee, peppermint, greasy or spicy foods, tomato products and alcoholic beverages.
•Stop smoking. Tobacco inhibits saliva, which is the body's major buffer. Tobacco may also stimulate stomach acid production and relax the muscle between the esophagus and the stomach, permitting acid reflux to occur.
•Reduce weight if too heavy.
•Do not eat 2-3 hours before sleep.
•For infrequent episodes of heartburn, take an over-the-counter antacid or an H2 blocker, some of which are now available without a prescription.
(More Information About Heartburn and GERD Next Week)

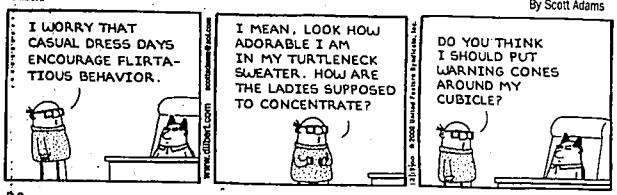
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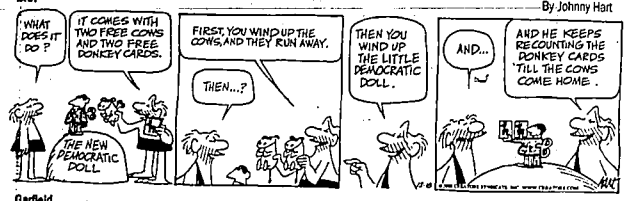
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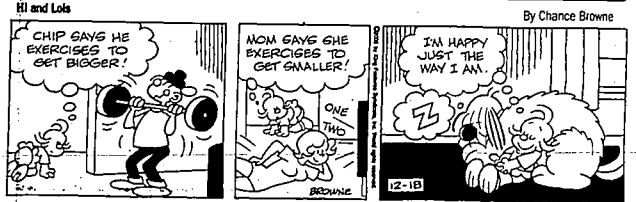
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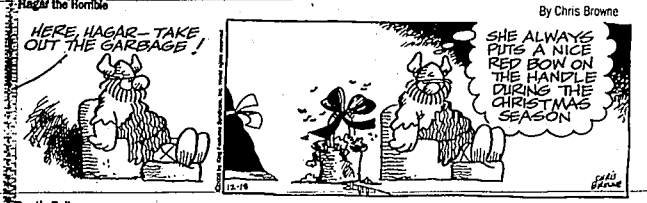
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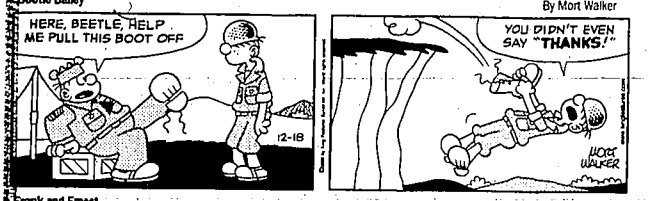
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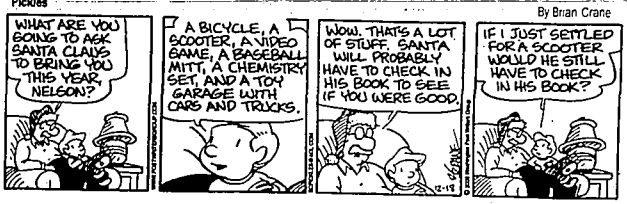
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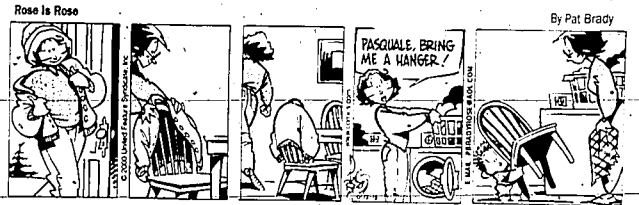
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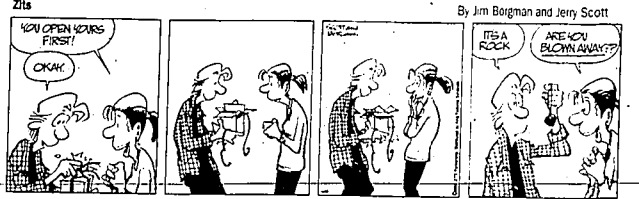


"If your sleigh breaks down, just use one of those scooters from your pack."

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WORLD

Slovaks welcome shops

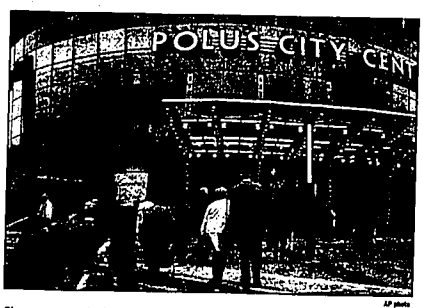
American-style mall brings joy to former communist country

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) – Forget singing carols and strolling in the snow. What Slovaks really want to do this holiday season is shop 'til they drop.

And with the recent opening of the first American-style mall in the capital of this impoverished former communist country, they are getting the chance.

The Polus City Center offers 150 stores, eight movie theaters, four restaurants, eight cafes and a bowling alley, all sorts of Americana spread over 400,000 square feet of glass and glitz.

"I plan to do all of my Christmas shopping here – and it should not take me more than 30 minutes!" said Katarina Ondrejkova, a 24-year-old bank teller, who walked away with a purple imitation leather jacket that cost 1,500 crowns, or about $32.



AP photo

Shoppers enter the New Polus City Center during the official opening in Bratislava, Slovakia, last month.

The excitement is not just over the shopping opportunities at the airy, glass-enclosed structure decorated in tasteful shades of blue, white and gray.

It is a sparkling oasis for residents who want to get away from the surrounding blocks of decaying communist-era public housing, where drab apartments in boxy concrete buildings look out on equally dull boxes. The mall's developers even painted adjacent buildings in delicate pastels, although the back sides were left untouched.

Inside, crowds stroll past stores glittering with the artificial trees, colored balls, blinking lights and other Christmas decorations common in the West. Traditional Slovak holiday decorations of walnuts, apples and paper chains were deemed too subdued.

Prices for some items probably dazzle Slovaks, too. In this country of 5.4 million people, the typical worker earns only about $250 a month and the unemployment rate runs 17 percent – so there are few who can afford a Tag Heuer watch at $2,600 or a 41-inch television for $11,500.

But while people are generally just looking at pricey items, store clerks said, sales appear to be a better for things like clothes.

At the Levi's store, owner Daniel Deviatka said he is optimistic about the future. "It is too early to talk about if our expectations are being fulfilled," he said. "It is a new place, plus Christmas shopping has just started."

Arafat urges 'work for peace' as four more die

JERUSALEM (AP) – Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, using some of his most conciliatory language in weeks, said "Why not?" when asked Sunday about prospects for meeting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Fresh violence claimed four more Palestinian lives – one who was apparently slain as a collaborator with Israel and another in a mysterious explosion.

Despite the steadily increasing death toll, both sides appeared to be positioning themselves for a new drive toward peace negotiations. Palestinians said consultations were to begin Tuesday in Washington.

Two of Sunday's deaths occurred in Rafah, at the southern tip of the Gaza Strip, a frequent flashpoint for clashes. Palestinian officials said two men were killed and three other people injured when an Israeli tank fired on them as they crossed a road. The army had no immediate comment.

In the West Bank refugee camp of Kalandia, north of Jerusalem, angry shouts of "Allahu Akbar", or God is great, rang out at the funeral procession for a young Sameh Malabee, a 28-year-old activist in Arafat's Fatah faction who died hours earlier in an explosion under murky circumstances.



AP photo

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak talks to journalists during an election-campaign stop at a housing project in Jerusalem Sunday.

Europeans see Bush as executioner

The Washington Post



President-elect George W. Bush

LONDON – George W. Bush has been a jet fighter pilot, a business owner, and chief executive of a state bigger than most European countries. But across Europe, the president-elect is known primarily for something else: "He's the world champion executioner," said former French Justice Minister Robert Badinter. "He is a horrible symbol of your mania for the death penalty."

What we know about the new president," echoed Claudia Roth, a member of the German Parliament, "is just two things. He is the son of President Bush, and he has sent 150 people to their death in Texas, including the mentally ill."

However successful the president-elect may be in his push for "reconciliation and healing" back home, he is facing political fire in Europe because of his close identification with a practice that people here widely consider barbaric. On a continent where capital punishment has been designated an abuse on par with torture and genocide – all three are banned by the European Convention on Human Rights, signed by 34 countries – George W. Bush is seen as one of its leading proponents.

It is no passing concern here. Most U.S. executions get more coverage in the European media than at home. Students hold noisy campus rallies denouncing Texas, the state that leads the nation in executions. European politicians regularly cross the Atlantic to meet with death-row inmates, amid great publicity back home.

Accordingly, some death-penalty opponents have welcomed the Texas governor's political promotion on the theory that it will make their case more visible.

"From a campaigning perspective, it's useful to have the most identifiable villain in the White House," said Chris Stalker of the British branch of Amnesty International. Stalker said Bush will "have a lot of trouble on this when he comes here" in the form of demonstrations.

In a recent conversation, a German diplomat said both officials and the public in his country are deeply troubled by the number of people executed in Texas and the issue of capital punishment is likely to continue to dog Bush in Europe.

Scientists warn of bigger volcanic eruption in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) – Mexico's Popocatepetl volcano belched incandescent fragments and a towering plume of ash and vapor early Sunday while scientists urged nearby residents to stay away, uncertain of what the mountain will do next.

A dome of lava has formed at the base of the 17,886-foot volcano, causing pressure to build up inside and slowing the eruptions Saturday after one of mountain's most active weeks in two years.

Comparing the volcano to a blocked pressure cooker, scientists are concerned that the building pressure could trigger a strong eruption, possibly throwing rocks and other debris for several miles.

After several hours of low-level earthquakes, the volcano spewed incandescent fragments that flew just under a mile from its crater early Sunday, followed hours later by a plume of ash and steam more than a mile high.

Scientists warned that stronger eruptions are possible in the next few days, and they urged people living within six miles of the volcano to leave.

The last evacuation occurred six years ago, shortly after the volcano became active again after lying dormant since 1927. It has been 800 years since its last catastrophic eruption.

Climbing accidents claim at least 10 lives in Italy's Alps

LECCO, Italy – A layer of ice formed overnight in northern Italy's Alps sent at least 10 climbers and skiers sliding to their deaths Sunday. The victims included four climbers who died, one by one trying to rescue a dog and then, themselves.

Rescuers were having trouble reaching the victims on the icy slopes and helicopters were needed to recover some of the victims and bodies, said Guido Villa, emergency aid director in the Alpine town of Lecco, near the Austrian border.

Sunday began with a sunny morning after a spell of rain, and "maybe some people, tempted by the beautiful weather, went where there were no conditions to go," said Cesare Maestri, 72, one of Italy's most respected Alpine veterans.

A "strange, nonsensical winter" with early snow followed by rain and sun apparently has made for dangerously deceiving conditions in the southern Alps, with almost invisible ice, Maestri told Italy's ANSA news service.

World in brief

Turkish government to override president's veto

ANKARA, Turkey – Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit has said his government would seek to override a presidential veto and send an amnesty bill designed to reduce the prison population back to parliament for approval, newspapers said Sunday.

President Ahmet Necdet Sezer refused to approve the bill on Friday saying it was unfair and could harm trust in justice and laws.

The bill, which reduces sentences by 10 years, would allow for the release of nearly half of the nation's 72,000 inmates. It is aimed at reforming the country's troubled prison system.

Ecevit said Saturday he would send the bill back to parliament this week, Hurriyet newspaper said. If parliament re-approves the bill without making any changes, then Sezer cannot veto the bill for a second time. He can however, ask the Constitutional Court to cancel the bill.

Meanwhile, hunger strikes in the country's prisons entered 59th day on Sunday, with doctors warning of imminent deaths.

Islamic party demands military chief resign

LAHORE, Pakistan – Over 1,000 supporters of a right-wing Islamic party rallied Sunday, defying an army ban on public demonstrations, to demand Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf resign.

"Today we have started our campaign against this government," Qasi Hussein Ahmed, chief of the Jamaat-e-Islami, or Islamic Party, told around 1,500 supporters in the eastern Punjab capital of Lahore. "We will continue our struggle until Gen. Musharraf quits power."

The Jamaat-e-Islami blocked traffic in a congested neighborhood while dozens of policemen stood on the side and watched. Despite a ban on rallies imposed by the 14-month-old military government, the army has been reluctant to be heavy handed against religious parties fearing a backlash.

In the southern port city Karachi, around 300 Jamaat-e-Islami supporters shouted anti-Musharraf slogans and burned his effigy inside their party office Sunday. A small protest meeting was also held in the federal capital of Islamabad.

Leading Iranian dissident gets arrested, jailed

TEHRAN, Iran – A leading Iranian dissident was arrested and jailed Sunday on charges of insulting Iran's supreme leader, a close associate said.

Ezatollah Sahabi, a member of the dissident Freedom Movement, which opposes Iran's clerical rule, was interrogated and arrested on the orders of the hard-line Tehran Revolutionary Court, said Reza Alijani, an editor of the now banned Iran-e-Farda magazine.

Sahabi was the director of Iran-e-Farda, one of 30 publications that have been banned since a media crackdown launched by the hard-line judiciary in April. All but one of the publications were pro-reform.

"Sahabi was taken to jail after a brief interrogation on charges of insulting the supreme leader during an address to students earlier this month," Alijani told The Associated Press.

Ten people die violently before presidential trip

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) – Separatist violence in Aceh province has killed 10 people, human rights activists and police said Sunday, days before President Abdurrahman Wahid was to visit in an effort to defuse independence demands.

Five corpses with bullet wounds to the head were found Saturday laid out on a road in the restive province 1,100 miles northwest of Jakarta, rights worker Marzuki Hasan said. He said four villagers were discovered separately, shot to death at the base of a cliff.

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401 Schools/Instruction
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605 Rooms For Rent
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- 700 - Agriculture
701 Livestock
702 Farm Ranch Supplies
703 Custom Farm Services
705 Irrigation
706 Farm Seed & Fertilizer
708 Hay, Grain & Feed

- 800 - Merchandise
801 Antiques & Collectibles
802 Appliances
803 Bazaars & Crafts
804 Building Materials
805 Cameras & Equipment
806 Children's Items
807 Clothing
808 Communication Equipment
809 Computers
810 Firewood
811 Furniture/Carpet
812 Heating & Air Conditioning
813 Auctions
814 Jewelry & Furs
815 Lawn & Garden
816 Exercise Equipment
817 Miscellaneous For Sale
818 Musical Instruments
819 Office Equip./Supplies
820 Pets & Supplies
821 Stereo/Radio/CDs
822 Tools & Machinery
823 Variety Food & Services
824 Video Equipment
825 Wanted To Buy
826 Camping Equipment
827 Garage Sales
828 Medical Supplies
829 Flea Markets
830 Wanted Collectibles

- 900 - Recreation
901 ATVs & Motorcycles
902 Bicycles
903 Boats & Accessories
904 Campers & Shells
905 Guns & Rifles
906 Hot Tubs & Pools
907 Motor Homes & RVs
908 Snow Vehicles & Equip.
909 Sporting & Hunting Equip.
910 Travel Trailers
911 Utility Trailers

- 1000 - Transportation
1001 Aviation
1002 Auto Parts & Accessories
1004 Autos Wanted
1005 Antiques & Collectibles
1006 Semi/Heavy Equipment
1007 Trucks
1008 Truck Parts & Accessories
1009 4x4s
1010 Vans & Buses
1020 Autos for Sale
1063 Imports & Sports Cars
1054 Stock Cars
1058 Auto Services & Repairs
1099 Auto Dealers

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Fax 677-4543
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– HAPPY ADS –
Celebrate a special event in the lives of friends and loved ones with a Times-News Happy Ad. Display ads of any size are available at special rates.

– PRE-PAYMENT –
The Times-News accepts payment for classified ads in cash, personal check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

– RESPONSIBILITIES –
Check your ad for errors the first day. The Times-News will be responsible for the first incorrect insertion and to no greater extent than the cost of space occupied by the error. The publisher assumes no financial responsibility for errors or omission of copy.

– Deadlines –
For Private Party Line Ads:

PUBLICATION DAY	DEADLINE
SUNDAY	4 PM FRIDAY
MONDAY	5 PM FRIDAY
TUESDAY	1 PM MONDAY
WEDNESDAY	1 PM TUESDAY
THURSDAY	1 PM WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY	1 PM THURSDAY
SATURDAY	12 PM FRIDAY
AG WEEKLY	3 PM THURSDAY

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3 business days prior to publication. Call a Times-News advertising sales representative for more information, 733-0931, ext. 219.
The Times-News Online features web-based classified ads. Any classified ad placed in the print version of *The Times-News* can be placed online for 50¢ per day, per ad. In addition to *The Times-News Online*, ads are included in our national network of classified ads through a partnership with AdOne Classified Network and more than 500 newspapers across the nation. e-mail: twinad@micron.net

– Classified Specials –
7-Day Guarantee Ad...regular 7-day rate, add $3 and if the item does not sell, call us and we'll run the ad for an additional 7 days.
15-Day Real Estate Guarantee Ad... regular 15-day rate, add $3 and if the item does not sell, call us and we'll run the ad for an additional 7 days.

Call Our Customer Service Representatives for Information on Classified Specials!

Ads may be cancelled early for customer convenience but will not be re-rated or substituted.
For private party only. Excludes pets and livestock.

50 LEGAL

NOTICE OF TOKEN REDEMPTION
Due to the closure of the business, Pony Express Casino tokens are being discontinued on August 22, 2000. They can be redeemed from August 23, 2000 through December 22, 2000 at the casino cage at Cactus Pete's Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nevada.
PUBLISH: August 24, 28, 31, September 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, October 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, November 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30, December 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 and 21, 2000

100 Personals

101 LOST & FOUND

Please check your ad for correctness on the first day that it runs, as The Times-News is not responsible for errors after that time.

E-MAIL your classified ad to us at **twinad@micron.net**

LOST male all white cat w/small spot on top of head. Neutered. Lost by High School (Dorian Dr.) Name is Kramer. Reward! Please call 208-734-2380.

104 PERSONALS

I LOST 40 LBS. In 2 mos! Free samples. Call 1-888-571-5463

106 SPECIAL NOTICES

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 208-733-8300 & 726-4650

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208-734-5538
OR
208-677-4543
(BURLEY)

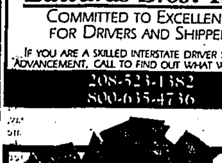
REMEMBER
That birthday ad you placed some time ago in *The Times-News*? Now is the time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by The Customer Service Dept today!

107 ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER *FREE* TESTING 734-7472 — 800-371-7472

A GUARANTEED AD
Buy the Guaranteed Package and *The Times-News* guarantees to sell merchandise or automotive items in 7 days and real estate in 15 days or we will rerun the ad an additional 7 days. There is a $3 extra charge for the guaranteed package. Ads may be cancelled early for customer convenience but the charge will remain the same.

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Let me ease your busy life. Joann. 735-0677.

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Have old kitchen counter tops replaced or prefabricated cabinets installed. 208-678-8377 for free estimates.

It takes only minutes to place your classified ad . . . the results take a bit longer.

THE HANDYMAN CAN
Repair, Rebuild, Replace or Remove. Jim 326-4150.

111 ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES

SANTA FOR HIRE
Available Days, Evenings, Parties, Homes, Daycare! *326-5258-Leave Msg*

113 CHILD CARE SERVICES

BABYSITTING in my home. Monday - Friday. Call 423-4974.

NEED a babysitter for swing hours 2pm-12:00? I would like to take care of your children. CPR trained & ICCP certified, meals & snacks . 733-7604

TWO full-time openings as of Jan. 2, 2001. Ages 0-5 yrs. 733-9460.

200 Employment

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Don't pay to find work before you get the job. For free information about avoiding employment service scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Needed for Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Duties include promotion planning, relations with downtown merchants, accounting and report preparation. Requirements include computer skills, Microsoft and Quick Books, communication and organization a must for this part time position. Please send your resume to Historic Old Towne, P.O. Box 2772, Twin Falls, ID 83303 Attn: Tim Jones for consideration. Applications by mail only.

BANKING
First Federal Savings Bank is accepting applications in the Loan Department at the Main Office for a **Collections Clerk.** Full-time position with pay based upon experience. For an application please call Jason Meyerhoeffer at 733-4222 and email resumes to jmeyerhoeffer@firstfd.com. First Federal is a Drug-Free Workplace. Equal Employment Opportunity-M/F.

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS II
(45) Gallegos Corporation, applicants respond to: Case #752 refer to nearest Job Service. Job Order ID: 6414485. Seasonal in Ketchum, ID 03-01-2001 thru 12-15-2001. Performs work of stone mason helper, smooths & finishes surface of poured concrete floors, walls, sidewalks, or curbs using hand or power tools. Spreads concrete using rake or shovel. Levels, smooths and shapes surfaces of freshly poured concrete. May mix concrete & set forms. Set & shape stone using chisel, hammer & other shaping tools. $9.65 per hr. + 1½ OT. No exp. nec. This is an entry level position.

CLERICAL
Customer service a must. Bring resume to 415 Addison Ave. #3.

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•Clerical positions
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COMPUTER INSTRUCTORS--PT. morning, afternoon and eves. Classes for youth-seniors, prior exp. preferred. YMCA 733-4384.

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Wendell Company is looking for a CDL Class A driver to deliver in local area, year around. Call 324-8117, leave msg.

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NO PHONE CALLS

ELECTRICIAN
Minimum 3 yrs industrial exp. required. Must know 480V 3-phase motors, PLCs and motor control circuits. Must have all necessary tools and be able to work swing shift, weekends and holidays. Send resume with social security number to: Sierra Pacific Industries, PO Box 1189, Arcada, CA 95518. EOE.

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★ Factory-All Shifts
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★ CDL Drivers
★ Mechanic
★ Welders
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PERSONNEL PLUS

GLAZER wanted, experienced in commercial construction. Send resume to Box 93311 % Times News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

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Reach your highest potential in one of the best full service salons. Guaranteed wage, flexible hours, part time or full time. Graduated commission scale. **Call 733-7777 ask for JR.**

HAIR STYLIST
Lease station avail. for exp. Stylist in well established salon. 733-8334, Cara.

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3 yrs recent DF log sawing exp. required. Must be able to cut logs for best lumber grade recovery and be able to cut for special orders. Must be able to work any shift, weekends and holidays. Send resume with social security number to: Sierra Pacific Industries, PO Box 1189, Arcada, CA 95518. EOE

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MEDICAL
Gooding Rehab & Living Center
is looking for:
LPN/RN to work 3 evenings & 2 night shifts
GREAT SCHEDULE & SIGN ON BONUS
CNA/NA'S needed for all shifts
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Deanna's Cleaning. Now hiring part time to work into full time. Call 208-736-8504, for interview.

INSTALLERS
Must have own tools & truck. Call 737-9109 for interviews.

LOANS
$100 - $750
CALL TODAY!
734-4333

Abbreviations bring abbreviated results. When you write your classified ad, be sure readers understand your message – spell it out.

MAINTENANCE CLERK
Longview Fibre Company has an opening for a Maintenance Clerk. This person must possess strong math, computer, and communication skills. Apply in person: 348 SOUTH PARK AVENUE WEST, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO. EOE M/F/V/D

MAINTENANCE
Part-time maintenance person needed at a 40-unit apartment complex in Jackpot, Nevada. Salary DOE. Fax a resume to Stephanie Christensen, Weststates Property Management Co. 775-738-2919 or send a resume to P.O. Box 2688, Elko, Nevada 89803. Equal Opportunity Employer.

MANAGEMENT
Apartment Manager, Part time. Entry level. 15-30 hours/week. Requires on-site residency in a very nice large community. No experience necessary, however some work with public is preferred. Send resume to: Manager, 647 Fawnbrook Ave. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

MANAGER
Apartment manager needed for 40 units in **Jackpot, Nevada.** FmHA/Rural Development experience preferred, willing to train, Salary DOE. Excellent benefits. Fax a resume to Stephanie Christensen, Weststates Property Management Co. 775-738-2919 or send a resume to **P.O. Box 2688, Elko, Nevada 89803.** Equal Opportunity Employer.

MANAGER
Mental Health Case Manager. Must have a BS degree in a human services field plus 1 year of experience with the mentally challenged population. Contact Julie at 734-7730

MANUFACTURING
Spears Manufacturing Company is accepting applications for full time Injection Molding Machine Operators Foreman. Injection molding experience a plus, 3-5 years Supervision required. Must be hands-on, self-motivated type individual with motivational skills. Salary DOE. Benefits: Company paid employee health, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, and 401(K) plan. Applications available at:
Spears Manufacturing Plant Security Office
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Jerome, Idaho 83338
(208)324-8101
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Lab Analyst
Days 6 am to 4:30 pm, Fri. through Mon.
Packager
Swing shift with weekend work required.
Competitive wage with great benefits. Apply in person at:
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Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
208-735-4111. AA/EOE.

MEDICAL
CNA's, LPN's and RN's, also home health nurses. Flexible schedule, you determine your own hours. Top pay. Jobs through out Magic Valley.
Personnel Plus,
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678-4400

MEDICAL
Help! Immediate opening L&D-RN, night shift, full-time benefits, 36 hrs. per week. **Please send resume or contact:**
Connie, Nursing Recruiter
Human Resources,
P.O. Box 409
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0409
Telephone (208) 737-2008
FAX: (208) 737-2741
E-Mail:
wendya@mvrmc.gen.id.us
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MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Equal Opportunity Employer
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MEDICAL
ASPENGROVE in home assistance is looking for staff to work in homes. Flexible hours, PT/FT, CNA's, NA's to work in all of Magic Valley and Burley area. For more information, call 934-5506 or 678-2955.

MEDICAL
Billing Specialist, Mon. through Fri. Competitive wage. Must have exp. billing Medicaid & Medicare. Contact Julie at 734-7730.

MEDICAL
Currently hiring CNA's. Experience preferred, not necessary. CNA's starting at $7.75. 734-7730.

MEDICAL
ICF/MR Supervisor. Opening for person with exper. in an ICF/MR program. Supervisor position in a home serving 5 adults. Requires dedication, flexibility & ability to work with staff. Start at $25,000 per yr, plus benefits. Please mail or fax a resume to **Boise Group Homes,** 30 S. Cole Rd., Boise, ID 83709, 376-1861. Fax# 376-1869.

MEDICAL
LPNs needed for Private Duty Nursing for children and Hospice. PT and prn. Call 734-0600 to apply.

MEDICAL
Nursing Assistance at Chaparell House. 208-733-7511, 1880 West Harrison, Twin Falls, Idaho.

MEDICAL
RN's LET'S TALK!!
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is looking for experienced: **RN's** for full/part-time & **PRN** positions on evening & night shifts. Openings on various units available. **ALSO Certified Surgical Technician.** We offer great evening/night & weekend differential!

Our competitive salary & and excellent Flexible benefit package includes:

• PRN up to 20% above base
• Paid Time Off
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• Tuition Reimbursement
• Infant Care Center and much more.

Apply at:
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Human Resources
Twin Falls, ID. 83303-0409
(208) 737-2113
FAX (208) 737-2741
Employment Line
(208) 737-2775
connlebo@mvrmc.gen.id.us

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Questions...
Could you use extra money? Want to get into shape? Want to learn leadership & technical skills? Need money to pay for college? If you answered yes to any of the above, the Idaho Army National Guard may be able to help. **Call SFC Barlow 734-9171 or 1-800-GO-GUARD.**

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Inventory taker positions open for immediate hire. RGIS Inventory Specialist $7.75 starting wage 1-888-532-7447

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The Times-News is accepting applications for a full-time District Manager. The successful candidate must be able to work weekends, be dependable, have excellent time-management skills, and enjoy working with youth. An outgoing personality is a plus.
This entry level management position includes responsibilities in managing youth & adult carriers, sales promotions, & providing excellent customer service. If you are interested, fill out an application by December 26, 2000.
The Times-News
Attn: Dan Walock
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303.
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OUTREACH SPECIALISTS
Depending upon availability of funds, South Central Community Action Agency has an opening for two ***Outreach Specialists*** for the Mini-Cassia and Northern Counties of Magic Valley. We are seeking an outgoing, well-organized, highly motivated individual to perform outreach into our rural area. Must have experience working with the public and project management, and be able to work independently. Must be able to lift 50 lbs., have reliable transportation. Applications and job description available at 726 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, Jerome CAS, courthouse basement, Mini-Cassia office, 1800 J St., Heyburn. **EOE Drug Free Workplace**

PRODUCTION
Production scheduling/inside sales. Strong math skills necessary. Computer skills helpful. $12 per hour plus benefits
Send resumes to:
Manager, P.O. Box 153
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If classified advertising didn't exist, someone would invent it. Call 733-0931.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAREER WITH THE VA?
The VA Medical Center / Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Twin Falls is recruiting for a **Certified Medical Assistant**
Please contact **422-1217** for further information.
VA Medical Center
500 West Fort Street
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Must be a U.S. citizen. EEO employer.

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Twin Falls, Idaho
1-208-736-3855

MEDICAL
LSW or MSW needed. Call 734-7730.

PROFESSIONALS
Access Point Family Services
Exciting professional position working with children with emotional disturbances. Requires a degree in Human Service field, such as Social Work, Psychology, Counseling and other closely related fields. Full time and part time positions needed. The best compensation package in the area.
Please send resume to: Attn: Jason, 1263 Inca Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
mhdavid@uswest.net
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QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER

SORRENTO LACTALIS, Inc.
known as Swiss Village Cheese

Sorrento Lactalis is currently hiring for a Quality Control Manager at its Nampa Plant in Nampa, Idaho. Will manage all Plant Quality Control activities to assure compliance with both Sorrento Lactalis, Inc. and regulatory requirements. Responsible for Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Good Sanitation Practices (GSP), quality of conformity, and quality of services.

Bachelor's degree (B.S.) from a four-year college or university in Food, Dairy, or National Science, and five to seven years related experience and/or training, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience should include active involvement in Quality Programs in the Food and Beverage industry. Knowledge of ISO Quality Management Systems, HACCP, and statistical process control is desired. Must have good leadership skills and excellent communication abilities and strong analytical skills.

Please send resume and salary history by December 29, 2000 to: Sorrento Lactalis, Inc., attention: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1280, Nampa, Idaho 83653. Fax: 208-467-9987. Email: rramirez@sorrentolactalis.com.
Equal Opportunity Employer

RESTAURANT
Garibaldi's Restaurant, now hiring a full-time bartender with experience, speciality of mixed drinks & Marguerita. Good presentation, references. Apply in person & ask for Jose at 677 Filer Ave. Twin Falls or call 736-7408. Males & females encouraged to apply.

RETAIL CLERK
Looking for an individual for unique gift shop in Ketchum to help in inventory sales, purchasing, stocking, etc. 40hr/wk. FT position w/benefits. Competitive wage. 726-3474 or fax resume to 726-3581.

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SANITATION SUPERVISOR

SORRENTO LACTALIS, Inc.
known as Swiss Village Cheese

Sorrento Lactalis is currently hiring for a Sanitation Supervisor at its Nampa Plant in Nampa, Idaho. Will act in a supervisory capacity and management representative to employees in the Sanitation/Production areas of the plant, while working with other departments to ensure proper coordination and interaction.

Must have Associate's degree (A.A.) or equivalent from two-year college or university, or two years related experience and/or training, or equivalent combination of education and experience with a strong working knowledge of cheese manufacturing and process equipment, including automated C.I.P. systems. Must have good leadership skills and excellent communication abilities and strong analytical skills.

Please send resume and salary history by December 29, 2000 to: Sorrento Lactalis, Inc., attention: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1280, Nampa, Idaho 83653. Fax: 208-467-9987. Email: rramirez@sorrentolactalis.com

Equal Opportunity Employer

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SHORTAGE DELIVER DRIVER
The Times is accepting applications for shortage delivery driver. Hours are Monday through Friday 6-10 am. Applicants must be dependable, have a good driving record, & work well with others. Must have reliable vehicle. Interested applicants should fill out an application at The Times-News, 132 3rd St. West, Twin Falls, ID. Attn: Daniel.
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SPANISH INSTRUCTOR
Part time position in Burley. Prefer Master's degree in Spanish. Starts January 2001. Apply by resume, unofficial transcripts and CSI Employment Application to: Judy Thom, HR Specialist, Human Resources, Taylor Building, College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Find posting/application at www.sci.edu/jobs.AA/EEO.

SPORTSWRITER
The Times-News needs a talented sports junkie to cover everything that runs, jumps, or tackles in Mini-Cassia. The successful applicant will have a four-year college degree, excellent verbal skills and a background in writing and photographing for publication. You'll be the sole sports reporter in our Burley news bureau. You'll produce a thorough local sports report, sooner and better than the competition. We offer an excellent starting salary plus full benefits. Send your resume, best clips and a list of references to Clark Walworth, Managing Editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. We are an equal-opportunity employer and a drug-free workplace.

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Licensed position available in Burley working in an outpatient mental health clinic setting. Contact Bill or Pam at 678-3913 for application.

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Expert wire feed. Wanted *immediately*. Good wages. Drug free. Call 324-5858

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100 Blk Rainbow Circle

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Please contact District Manager
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Please contact District Manager
733-0931, ext. 347
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BURLEY
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The Times-News is currently looking for **Independent Walking Route Carriers in the BURLEY area.**

ROUTE 402
Park Ave- Burton Ave.
West 21st -St.-W. 16th

IF you live in the BURLEY area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Burley Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the Burley office at: 325½ E. 5th N. (Next to Wal-mart.)
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The Times-News is currently looking for **Independent Walking Route Carriers in the BURLEY area.**

ROUTE 409
Park Ave- OverlandAve.
Fairmont Dr.-W. 24th St

IF you live in the BURLEY area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Burley Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the Burley office at: 325½ E. 5th N. (Next to Wal-mart.)
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FILER (6)
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THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER CARRIERS FOR THE FILER AREA.
Walking Routes Available

ROUTE 551
100-600 6th St.
Raybom Circle

ROUTE 553
100 Blk. Davis
200-600 North St.
100 Blk. Ramsey

ROUTE 569
Midway West
1000 Blk. 5th St. West
400-500 Cantle
300-600 Golden Spur
100-200 Stirup St.

If you live in this area & are interested in being a newspaper carrier ...
Please call District Manager, 733-0931 ext. 347.
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Abbreviations bring abbreviated results. When you write your classified ad, be sure readers understand your message – spell it out.

TWIN FALLS (6)
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THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE WEST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 701
2400-2500 9th Ave. East
600-1100 Cypress Way
600-800 O'Leary Way

ROUTE 770
600-1100 Aspenwood Lane
700-800 Greentree Way
600-800 O'Leary Way

ROUTE 852
700-800 Meadows Dr.
700 Blk. Washington N.

ROUTE 860
100-400 Borah West
100-300 Wiseman

ROUTE 872
900 Blk. Blake St. North
200-300 Blk. Elaine Ave.
200-400 Blk. Falls Ave. West
100-400 Blk. Robbins Ave.
700-800 Blk. Sparks St.

ROUTE 887
Park Meadows Circle
1000-1100 Park Meadows Drive
Parkway Circle
1000-1100 Twin Parks Dr

ROUTE 889
100-400 Crestview
900 Blk. Sparks

ROUTE 890
400-500 Park Terrace
1100-1200 Parkview
1100-1200 Parkway
1000-1200 Sparks N.

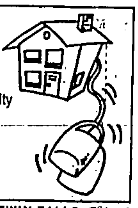
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Prudential, Idaho Homes • Magic Valley Realty • Robert Jones Realty • Strickland Real Estate • Wills Realty
Coldwell Banker Curtis Realty • Irwin Realty

The Times-News



TWIN FALLS (7)

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THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 722
2600-2900 9th Ave. E
2800 Elizabeth Ave.
900 Gallup Drive
700-900 Hankins
800-1100 Trotter Drive

ROUTE 729
1100 Blk 4th Ave. E
1100-1400 Blk 5th Ave. East
1100-1400 Blk 6th Ave. East
100-600 Blk of Ash
400-700 Blk of Blue Lakes

ROUTE 746
1800 blk of 4th Ave E
400-500 blk of Madrona
200-400 Morningside Dr
400 blk of Wakefield

ROUTE 752
1300-1400 4th Ave. E
100-400 blk Elm St.
100-500 blk Locust
100-400 blk Walnut

ROUTE 792
1600-1700 blk of 2nd Ave. E
1500-1700 blk of 3rd Ave. E
1500-1700 blk 4th Ave. East
1500 blk Kimberly Rd.
200-400 blk Locust
200-300 blk Madrona

ROUTE 828
100-400 Adams

ROUTE 829
100-400 Jefferson

If you live on the EAST side of Twin Falls & are interested in being an independent newspaper carrier... Please contact District Manager at 733-0931 ext 348

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MISCELLANEOUS
The Times-News is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Mailroom Supervisor. Mechanical aptitude & managerial ability are essential. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and work nights and afternoons.
If interested, please fill out an application at The Times-News office: 132 3rd St. W. Twin Falls, ID, or call Dan Walock at 733-0931 ext. 252
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(BURLEY)

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302 MONEY TO LOAN

Continental Loans
$100 - $500
Phone applications welcome
Call Today - 735-0892.

304 INVESTMENTS

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Big profits usually mean big risk. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060.

305 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES

$$ CASH NOW $$
For Contracts & Mortgages.
Call Diversified Capital. ***208-734-8727***■

DRACO INVESTMENT CORP.
Mortgages? Contracts? Deeds of trust?
You want to sell?
We want to buy.
Prompt & cash offers.
We are local & competitive.
Call 208-733-3821.
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400 Education

500 Real Estate Sales

501 OPEN HOUSES

Please check your ad for correctness on the first day that it runs, as The Times-News is not responsible for errors after that time.

502 HOMES FOR SALE

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Selling property? Don't pay any fees until it's sold. For free information about avoiding timeshare and real estate scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060.

A GUARANTEED AD
Buy the Guaranteed package and The Times News guarantees to sell merchandise or automotive items in 7 days and real estate in 15 days or we will rerun the ad an additional 7 days. There is a $3 extra charge for the guaranteed package. Ads may be cancelled early for customer convenience but the charge will remain the same.

ATTENTION LUXURY-HOME BUYERS! Want a sneak peek at the best homes on the market? For a free booklet w/ more information call Doug Raymond (208) 678-2845.

BURLEY Country charm 2.65 ac. 3120 sq. ft. 2 car garage, 5 bdrm. 2 bath, oak kitchen, wood floor, family rm. w/fireplace. 8 yrs. old. By appt. 678-0687

BUY THIS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!
Doublewide, 4 bdrm, 2 bath, family room, dining room, garden tub. This home has $10,000 worth of extras. 1760 sq ft of beauty.
WestWind Homes
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CHRISTMAS PACKAGES
We have land/home packages
Financing available.
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E-MAIL your classified ad to us at
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FILER 2 possible 3 bdrm. mfg. home on 1 acre w/ water share. Landscaped yard w/sprinkler system. Appraisal at $105,000, **will sell for $89,000.** No down payment necessary. 731-5092 or 734-7621

HAGERMAN, For sale or rent, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, mature landscaping. $35,000/offer. $450 + $250 dep. rent 886-2594.■

HAGERMAN, 3 bdrm. 2 bath, ½ acre lot in new subdivision, $99,500 or trade. Call 208-736-0142.■

JEROME, 2 bdrm., lg. shop, fenced yd., 6 mo. lease if rented while obtaining financing. Call 324-3072 for details.■

SAVE THOUSANDS FOR CHRISTMAS
Singlewide - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, dining room, 1012 sq ft, $41,500.
Double wide - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, lrg kitchen, 1260 sq ft, $64,500.
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1-888-310-9037

REMEMBER
That birthday ad you placed some time ago in *The Times-News*? Now is the time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by the Customer Service Dept today!

TWIN FALLS
2564 Eastgate Drive
4 bdrm, 2 bath, formal living room, log cabin finished familyroom, game room & den. 2788 sq., ft. 3 sided gas fireplac.. Hardwood floors. Huge lot. Auto sprinklers. RV parking, 3 garages, shed. **$168,000.** **735-0760**

TWIN FALLS 9 bdrms. Care Center/Home. Acreage Rent/Sell 733-1359

TWIN FALLS - 6 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 level brick, 2 blocks from high school $99,900. Call 734-1021.

TWIN FALLS - Condo 2 bdrm., 1 bath. Wood stove, tiled kitchen & bath. Close to CSI. $55,000. Call 735-0608 after 5.■

TWIN FALLS - New 2800 sq ft. home w/4 bdrm, 3½ bath, 2 master suites, on 1 acre private, well and septic, with maintenance free exterior, gas fireplace. $220,000. 1129 Desert View Dr. 733-9166.

TWIN FALLS - Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath home, w/2 car garage, Morningside/O'Leary school district, asking $101,500. Motivated. 734-2097.

TWIN FALLS
A Prize of a Place
$139,900
Landscaped yard adds to this especially nice brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Custom blinds, gourmet kitchen with appliances. Subdivision amenities include pool/spa, pedestrian path! Lease option possible. Kent or Cindy Collins 733-5336, 734-6104, 731-2299.

TWIN FALLS Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, covered patio.RV parking. Many extras!! $109,500
1260 Aztec Dr.

TWIN FALLS, Want the feel of a new home at an affordable price? New roof, vinyl windows, paint in & out, carpet & vinyl, 2 bdrm. just $48,900. Call Nelson Realty 734-3930■

TWIN FALLS, 12 bdrms. 3 bath, lg. city lot, 290 Locust St. Shelter home possibilities. $128,000. Sale or lease? 733-9658.

TWIN FALLS, 3 bdrm. 1 bath, 1800 sq. ft. New windows, paint, vinyl, maintenance free exterior, quiet neighborhood. $67,500. Call 734-8727.■

TWIN FALLS, Need 6 bdrms. + 2 baths??
½ block from school.
2nd home in back brings in $320/mo. $89,800.
Nelson Realty 734-3930.

513 ACREAGES & LOTS

BLISS. Land investment opportunity, 1 group of 9 undeveloped residential lots. Call 208-362-6201.■

FAIRFIELD. For sale by owner, 40 ac. 6 miles W of city. Great view of Soldier Mtn. Near Golf & Skiing. $32K. 934-8104, msg

FILER- Beautiful view of the valley on 14 acres overlooking creek, private access. $56K. Please call 731-3322.■

GOODING. Must sell! Remodeled, 2 bdrm. 2 bath on 2+fenced acres. $99,000. Call 934-8345.■

TWIN FALLS
5-10 ACRES
- City Water
- Natural Gas
- Irrigation Water
- West Filer Avenue

731-5030 or 837-6313

514 INCOME PROPERTY

TWIN FALLS - *"Tired of stocks?"* Check return on new 4 plex. Call Chuck 733-8207■

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intension, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodian; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.
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TWIN FALLS - *Great Investment!* Office suite in Blue Lakes office park. ***Owner needs to raise capital.*** Priced to sell @ $75,000. Call 733-2323 or 733-7051

TWIN FALLS-Reduced owner moving, Country 4-plex, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 5+ac. 3250 N 2300 E. Can subdivide, $220k, 4 more house sites avail. 733-2033 or 420-4400■

515 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

GREAT opportunity just in time for the Christmas season: GOURMET COFFEE SHOP in the Magic Valley Mall. Mall lease in place. Inventory & equipment included along w/trained employees waiting & ready to go. Sales price $40,000. call 731-7451.■

516 VACATION PROPERTY TIME SHARES

SUN VALLEY - 1997 Nashua manufactured home; 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1760 sq ft, sheet rocked with upgrades, AC, gas heat, 100 lb snow load roof, never rented, like new, furnished or unfurnished. 324-2809 (office) 324-7095 (home).

517 CONDOMINIUMS

CONDO: 1/3 interest in Elkhorn, 2 bdrm, 2 bath + loft. Furnished. Please call after 6pm 734-1861

518 MOBILE HOMES

CAREY. New flooring, counters, sinks, insulation, new paint throughout, $4000 or best offer. 65X10, 1 bdrm. 1 bath. 208-823-4120, anytime.■

HANSEN. 1983, Fleetwood 14'x66', 2 bdrm., 2 bath, $15,000. 423-6252 eves.

REPO'S
Several 14' wide, 16' wide and doubles, some on our lot and some in parks..
Brockmans by Walmart in Jerome. 1-800-978-4380 or 324-6622

SHOSHONE, 15'x50', '76 mobile, 2 bdrm., 1 bath, AC, stove, on wheels & ready to move. $4000/offer. See at 22 N. 160 E. Shoshone. 420-7109 or 734-6970 leave msg.■

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WE ARE HERE TO STAY! We set-up & deliver in rain, sleet or snow. Nothing stops us from getting you in your new home.
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600 Real Estate Rental

601 FURNISHED HOUSES

BURLEY In the country. 4 bdrm. 2 bath, 2 car garage on 1 ac. Call 677-2638

HANSEN, 2 bdrm, 1 bath sm. cottage, w/lrg yrd. $425 / $250 dep. 733-1738

JEROME, 3 bedroom, possibly 4, 2 bath, $650 mo. Call 320-1583.■

TWIN FALLS
Brand new 3 bdrm. 2 bath Breckenridge furnished home. Rent incl. all utils. & lawn care, $1900/month Call Kent or Cindy Collins at 733-5336 or 734-6104.

602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

BUHL 2 bdrm, 2 bath. '98 mobile home. No pets. $460/mo + dep. Long term lease, in Buhl Mobile Estates. Call 543-8342

BUHL Immaculate 2 bdrm w/garage for lease. $625 per month + deposit. References & credit check req. Call Jim now!
Barker Realtors 543-4371

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GOODING - 1 & 2 bdrm., no smoking/pets. $325-$450 + dep. 539-0805.■

HAGERMAN Clean, 2 bdrm. 1½ bath. Fireplace/wood stove. New furnace, free cable. W/D hookup. No pets. $450/mo 837-6204 after 1pm

HAZELTON. Nice 2 bdrm. elec., appls., carport, fireplace, no pets, 423-5104.

JEROME Extra nice, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, dbl. wide Good area. $475/month. No pets, refs. 326-5687■

JEROME, remodeled 2 bdrm, no smoking/pets, gas heat. $475. 324-8752

JEROME, (2) 2 bdrm. houses, stove & refrig. $350 to $375+dep. 1 bdrm. apt. Stove & refrig. $270+dep. 1 block to WalMart. Call 324-2734.

JEROME, 3 bdrm. 2 bath house, Big Little Ranches Subdivision. Fenced, dbl. garage, corral for horses. $750/mo. For more information call Jose 736-7408.

KIMBERLY - lrg. 4 bdrm. fenced yard, nice area. No smoking/pets $700. 1st, last + dep. 423-4393.

KIMBERLY, 2 bdrm., partially furn., non smoking, no pets, $425. 423-6181.

KIMBERLY. One week **Christmas Special:** Last mo. rent **Free** with the signing of one year lease. Four bedroom w/fireplace, garage. $920 mo. Call 733-7445 before 6 p.m.■

M.V.-MagicAds Services
magicads-mall.com/rent
Apt. & Home Rentals
1243 Lynwood Mall T.F.■

MURTAUGH - 3 bdrm, 1 bath, horse facilities. $550/mo+$500 dep.Avail. July1,Call 423-6776 eves.

PAUL - Home in country, 3 bdrm. Call 438-5234.■

TWIN FALLS
Brand new 3 bdrm. 2 bath Breckenridge home, $1500/month. Includes lawn care & amenities, short term OK. Call Kent or Cindy Collins at 733-5336 or 734-6104.

TWIN FALLS Very clean, 3 bdrm. No smoking/no pets. 167 Hayburn. $500/mo + $250 dep. Avail. 1/01. Call 734-1465

TWIN FALLS - 1107 Elm St. N. 3 bdrm, AC, 2 bath, 2 car garage, no smoking/pets, $750 mo. Avail. Jan. 1. Call 734-9699.■

TWIN FALLS - 2 bdrm. appls, $250 dep, $500 mo. Available. Call 734-2664.

TWIN FALLS - 2 bdrm. total elect. Ref. req. $495 + dep. Call 734-5063 am■

TWIN FALLS - Lovely spacious, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, all appls, AC, sprinklers, lawn mowing, water and sanitation furnished. No pets, no smoking. $600 mo. + dep. Applications taken. Call 732-8388.■

TWIN FALLS - small 1 bdrm., appls. furnished, some utils pd. $365. 149 Tyler. 734-8577.■

TWIN FALLS - small studio home. Appls furnished, some utils. pd. 235 VanBuren $310. 734-8577.■

TWIN FALLS - South Park, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, new paint, carport, appls, $575. mo.
WESTSIDE - 3 bdrm, split level, refrig., pellet stove, single garage, $700.
OLDER - 4 bdrm, appls, garage, oil heat, $600.00
2 BDRM - appls, woodstove, basement, detached garage, outside pet possible, $475.00
SMALL - 1 bdrm, appls, ¾ bath, appls, gas heat, no pets. $350.00 month.
BUHL - Older country home, 3 bdrm, with optional others, fireplace, oil heat, no appls, $600
FILER - Snake River Canyon, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, modular with hot tub and deck overlooking the river. Appls, private access. $600.
KIMBERLY - end of road, 2½ bdrm, 1 bath, newer carpet and paint, outside pets Okay. $475.00 mo.
The Mgmt 733-0739

TWIN FALLS
1793 Maple 2 bdrm, 1 bath $550 + dep.
1766 Maplewood (no smoking please) great family home for only $850 + dep.
318 Jefferson 3 bdrm. 2 bath, $700+deposit.
1134 Monaco 3 bdrm. 2 bath, $850+deposit.
BRAWLEY REALTY
734-5858
Eves & Wkends
Dave 324-4603

TWIN FALLS
Very nice, 5 bdrm, 2½ bath home with 2 car garage. Next to CSI campus. $1,000/mo. plus deposit. No smoking, no pets. Call Neil at 734-6500 days & 734-1329 evenings.

TWIN FALLS, 1 bdrm., fresh, no dogs, see at 214 Quincy. $325 mo. + $325 dep. Call 734-5216.

TWIN FALLS, 4 bdrm., $550 mo., $550 dep. 848 Eastland Dr. S. 734-4402.

TWIN FALLS, studio, clean, $275 + $200 deposit. Call 735-1337.■

TWIN FALLS, very nice, 4 bdrm., 2 bath, no smoking/pets, $875 mo. + dep. Call Neil 734-6500 days or 734-1329 eves.

TWIN FALLS- Charming 3 bdrm., 1 bath home avail. Jan. 1. Close to schools and downtown. No smoking. $650 per month, $300 deposit. Call 735-2086 or 465-5936.■

TWIN FALLS, 2 bdrm. 1 bath, cute house, efficient wood burning stove, oven, range, refrig., gas heat. Call Susan at Irwin Realty 734-6500.

TWIN FALLS, 2 bdrm. 1 bath, fenced yd. Pets ok. $580+dep. Call 735-1976.

TWIN FALLS, 2 bdrm. Free cable, no pets, $425/mo.+ dep. 734-0460

TWIN FALLS, 3 bdrm. 2 bath, fireplace, no smoking, $800 per mo.+dep. Please call 208-324-2169.

TWIN FALLS, 3 bdrm. 2 bath, triple garage, home in Candleridge. No smoking, no pets. $1200/-mo. Call Kent or Cindy at 733-5336 or 734-6104.

TWIN FALLS, 3 bdrm. 3 bath, custom home, swimming pool, hot tub, large dock, custom master bath, formal dining, living, den, no smoking/pets, $1000+dep. Available immediately.
Call 731-1700.■

TWIN FALLS, 6 bdrm. 2 bath, like new, fenced yd. No pets. $695 + dep. Avail. 12-18-00. Call 423-6432. after 6 p.m.■

TWIN FALLS, For rent 3 bdrm. 1 bath house w/yd. & garage. No drinking/smoking/pets. Call 734-4953, ask for Fern.■

TWIN FALLS, Newer home with canyon rim views. 3 bdrm. 2 bath on 1 acre. $1400/mo.
Call Kent or Cindy 733-5336 or 734-6104

TWIN FALLS, A nice home, family rm., bsmt, fireplace extras, $625. 734-3110

604 UNFURNISHED APTS/DUPLEXES

BURLEY
Taking applications for waiting list. 1, 2, & 3 bdrm. apts. Mountain Veiw East 678-9141

★★CHRISTMAS★★ SPECIAL!
Move in by December 25th & pay
$99
on your 1st month's rent
LAUREL PARK APARTMENTS
176 Maurice St. N.
Twin Falls, 734-4195

JEROME - Real clean 1 & 2 bdrm apts, subsidized when avail, according to income. Playgrounds, all kitchen appls, laundry rms. No pets. 324-3464.

JEROME- 2 bdrm., 1½ bath, patio, W/D. $465 324-3811 or 324-8499.■

JEROME, Upstairs apt. 3 bdrm. 2 bath $500/mo. No pets/smoking 324-3338

KIMBERLY, Clean studio, $275. Lg. partially furn. 2 bdrm. $399, incl. appls. No pets. Call 423-4760.■

KIMBERLY. Large clean 1 bdrm. apt. No pets/smoking. $325/mo.+dep. Please call 208-734-9450.

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POPLAR GROVE APTS
Clean, Cozy1 Bdrm apts.
For Seniors/ Handicapped/Disabled persons.
Some with AC
Rent Based on Income
Contact Office at
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208-678-9429

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RUPERT
Taking applications for waiting list. 1 & 2 bdrm. apts. Valley Park Apts. 436-5682

RUPERT
Taking applications for waiting list. 1, 2, & 3 bdrm. apartments. Southwood Apartments 436-0226

TWIN FALLS studio, $285 + dep. Util. pd. 781 Main W. No pets. Call 326-4477

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm duplex. Nice neighborhood. $450/mo + dep.
Large 2 bdrm. in 4plex. New carpet & paint. $425/mo + dep. 734-4120

TWIN FALLS
AFFORDABLE
Newer 1, 2 & 3 bdrm. apartments with 2 baths. All appliances, spacious.
Call Now 734-1600

TWIN FALLS
Excellent 3 bdrm. 2 bath. Spacious large closets, private patio and parking.
HOLIDAY SPECIAL!
Move in before 12-31 and receive **$420** off rent.
Call Now at 208-734-1600.

TWIN FALLS
Garden Apts, quiet, attractive, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Microwave, DW, laundry facility, no pets.
Call Today, 736-7105

TWIN FALLS
★Quail Creek Apts★
Quality comforts, Affordable prices,
2 bdrm unit available.
Call 735-0473

TWIN FALLS
Saratoga Apts.
Finest Apt. community has a few 1 & 2 bedroom units available. Call 735-1600 for appointment.

TWIN FALLS Studio 2 bdrm.,fenced yard, Idaho Housing approved, $395 + dep. Call 734-6694.■

TWIN FALLS
Holiday Special
1,2,3 Bdrms $335-495
Some DW & WD hookups
Spacious and clean
No pets 734-6600

TWIN FALLS - *• Brand New•* - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, $650 up. 379 Lenore. Call 733-8207■

TWIN FALLS - 1 bdrm. $325 mo. + $150 deposit. No pets. Call 736-6716.

TWIN FALLS - 2 bdm., 1 bath duplex. Perrine area. $525 incls. water + $525 dep. Avail 1/1. 733-1063.■

TWIN FALLS - Large upstairs, 1 bdrm partially furnished, appls, W/D hookup, new vinyl, $375.00
West side, upstairs, 1 bdrm, appls, water included, $350.00 mo. + dep.
PERRINE/STUART - 3 bdrm, 2 bull bath, Dbl garage, fenced yard, stove, sprinkler system, $675.
The Mgmt 733-0739

TWIN FALLS - Newer 2 bdrm. duplex, carport, util. rm. No smoking/pets, $425/mo. Call 733-3742.■

TWIN FALLS - Quiet, 2 bdrm., 2 bath, duplex w/basement, garage, fenced yard, sprinklers. $650. Call 736-6292.■

TWIN FALLS -1 bdrm. $375/mo + $100. dep. All utils. except electricity. 735-1819 or 733-9735.■

TWIN FALLS 147 $575/mo New 2 bedroom. Range, refrig. Microwave, dishwasher. W/D. Gas fireplace, AC. Water/Sanitation paid. Near school & park.
ELWOOD & EVANS
734-1401

TWIN FALLS
2 bedroom, 1 bath, dishwasher, AC, microwave, W/D. Located near school.
Call Mickie, 734-4334
Hallows Property Management

TWIN FALLS A120, $650. 3 bdrm. Appls. Fenced yd. Garage w/opener.
ELWOOD & EVANS
734-1401

TWIN FALLS
AFFORDABLE
2 bdrm, 2 bath apts. W/D, AC, stove, refrig. Call Mickie, 734-4334
Hallows Property Management

TWIN FALLS
Better look at this one!!
Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, W/D hookup, garage, AC, dishwasher.
Clear Springs Apartments, Call Mickie, 734-4334
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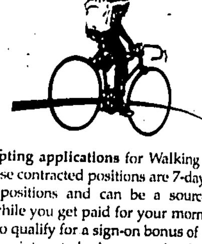
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12-18-A

NORTH
♠ K 10 8 6
♥ A 4
♦ Q 10 9 6 2
♣ K 5

WEST
♠ 5 3
♥ K J 7 5 3
♦ 5
♣ Q 10 6 3 2

EAST
♠ A 4 2
♥ 10 9 8
♦ A 8 7 4
♣ 9 8 7

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 7
♥ Q 6 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A J 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond five

A declarer's well-timed falsecard may work to his advantage, but a crude one is likely to boomerang.

If an alert defender recognizes declarer's intent to deceive, he is apt to think harder to find the winning defense.

West leads his singleton diamond to East's ace, and South drops his king, attempting to cloud the issue. However, an alert East reads the falsecard easily. Why would West lead the five from J-5-3?

Since East knows South is up to something, he must think things through. If he acts impulsively, he will fail to defeat the game.

If East returns a diamond immediately, West gets a ruff, but South gets the game. East is due one more trump trick, but South has time to discard his losers on dummy's diamonds.

Since East holds the trump ace, he knows he can give West a ruff later. More important is the matter of developing a fourth winner. So, delaying the diamond ruff for West, East must shift to either a heart or a club. Which should he choose and why?

The heart shift is the clear choice. In today's layout, it establishes a heart winner for West, and he cashes it after he enjoys his diamond ruff.

Why a heart shift rather than a club shift? To win a club trick, West must hold the ace. And if he holds it, it cannot disappear. He can cash it after East gives him a diamond ruff. However, if West is due a heart trick, it must be developed before East loses control of the trump suit.

LEAD WITH THE ACES

12-18-B

South holds:

♠ 8 5
♥ Q 6 3
♦ K Q 9
♣ J 8 7 4 2

East	South	West	North
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

ANSWER: Diamond king. A low club lead is a second choice. However, it's better to attack in the suit most likely to develop quick winners.

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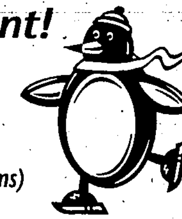
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